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Shatin ...Arr.	7.01	8.26	9.31	10.21	12.21	1.34	2.34	4.54	6.04
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	8.40	9.45	10.35	12.35	1.47	2.47	5.07	6.17
Taipei ...Arr.	7.20	8.45	9.50	10.40	12.40	1.51	2.51	5.11	6.21
Fanning ...Dep.	7.30	8.55	10.00	10.50	12.50	2.01	3.01	5.21	6.31
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PARIS, Jan. 30th.

The ex-Crown Prince Charles of Rumania and his love affairs are once more occupying public attention here.

This is because of the arrival in Paris of emissaries of the Rumanian Opposition Party, members of which are said to be intriguing to bring about his return to Bucharest to take the throne from his 6-year-old son, King Michael.

Interest is added to the ex-Crown Prince's movements by reports that he has embarked upon a new love affair. It is said that his favourite companion, Mme. Lupescu, or Wolff, the red-haired Jewess of Jassy, who is the divorced wife of a Rumanian official, is about to be abandoned for a fascinating Serbian girl.

Mme. Lupescu owns a chateau in Normandy, which the ex-Crown Prince bought for her, and where he has been living in seclusion for several months. She also has a farm-house in the suburb of Neuilly. The ex-Crown Prince has a flat in the same suburb.

The Morganatic Wife.

Mlle. "Zizi" (Jeanne) Lambrino, the young Rumanian whom Prince Charles marriedmorganatically at Odessa during the war, is also living at Neuilly. There was a son of the marriage, and he is at school in Paris.

According to an interesting new book, entitled "Prince Charles's Love Romance," by M. Gabriel Perreux, published by the Nouvelle Societe d'Editions, Mlle. Zizi receives an allowance from the Rumanian Royal Family, paid through the Royal Bank of Rumania. She recently brought a suit in the Paris courts against the ex-Crown Prince for the recognition of her son as the legitimate child of "Charles of Hohenzollern," but she lost her case on technical grounds.

In long letters which he wrote to her before the marriage was declared void by the Rumanian courts, the ex-Crown Prince promised that he would never leave her or abandon her child. He also wrote to the President of the Rumanian Senate and the Chamber announcing his determination at all costs to stand by the woman he loved.

When Prince Charles was born in January 1920 the mother pleaded with the Prince to acknowledge his child legally. He did not quite know what to do, and this was the beginning of the cooling of his relations with Mlle. Lambrino, according to M. Perreux, who writes:

Beautiful Greek Princess.

Queen Marie had been striving to bring the Prince to reason by appealing to his common sense, his patriotism, and his affection for his parents. The Prince is of a passionate temperament, prone to sudden enthusiasm. A woman passes and attracts him. The Prince loses his head.

Queen Marie knew this well, and turned as a last resort to the beautiful Princess Helen, daughter of King Constantine of the Hellenes, who made a deep impression upon the Prince. He quickly made up his mind to break with Mlle. Lambrino, who had already threatened to break with him.

"My Poor Baby."

Many more long letters were written by the Prince to Mlle. Lambrino. In one, which starts "My Poor Baby," he says:

Yes, poor little girl, it is true that I am engaged, and engaged to a Princess. You must not think I have been persuaded by my parents. I have found that someone who understands me and whose theories of life are the same as my own.

In May 1921 the Crown Prince married Princess Helen; and when she gave birth to a son, the present King of Rumania, it seemed that the past was forgotten.

Fights Family For Mme. Lupescu. Then the Prince met the beautiful Mme. Lupescu and fell desperately in love with her. The late King Ferdinand intervened and Mme. Lupescu was compelled to leave Rumania.

(Continued on next column.)

HOLLYWOOD'S SLUMP.

STUDIOS SHUT AND MANY
UNEMPLOYED.

NO MORE LAVISH
SPENDING.

Amazing changes are taking place in Hollywood, California. The small independent producing companies have given up the cheaper and quicker than the mammoth concerns. They are turning out films of a better type than hitherto, many of which are winning a place in the first-class theatres in the United States.

The threat of a restricted European market has given the big firms something to think about, and a change of "production" policy is under way. Hollywood is a city of unemployed. Directors, writers, technicians, and actors are "resting" or looking for work.

Some big studios are temporarily closed. Three hundred employees have been dismissed from one famous studio in three weeks. And, by contrast, the smaller studios are busy.

All the signs indicate that the era of extravagant production, lavish expenditure, and waste has come to a close.

The magnates have discovered that it is not the most expensive films which are best or which earn the most money. And faced by competition in their midst by the smaller independent companies and in Europe by the determined effort to challenge Hollywood's supremacy, they are envisaging a period of retrenchment which should lead to an improvement in quality of films, though it is bringing hardship to thousands in the film colony.

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DOWNFALL OF A COTTON
SALESMAN.

Extraordinary disclosures were made by a detective inspector at the Guildhall Police Court on January 25th, when Norman Nabum Lustgarten, aged thirty-seven, pleaded guilty to obtaining clothing by false pretences from a City warehouseman, and to two charges of obtaining credit by fraud from a Mrs. Emily Carr, of Westbank-avenue, Wallasey, and from another woman in New Brighton.

Detective Inspector Giles said that Lustgarten first came under the notice of the police in November 1926, when he was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment at Manchester for false pretences. He was found of good family, and had been in business as a cotton salesman in Manchester.

"Large Order."

"He came to London after his conviction," added Inspector Giles, "and went to a firm of insurance brokers, representing that he was anxious to effect a million pounds insurance on a large order he had placed and was shipping to Calcutta. The broker was so impressed by the immensity of the order that he introduced Lustgarten to other firms in the City, to whom he gave large orders for goods to be shipped to India in one case £12,000 worth. He was in this way allowed to have samples."

Alderman Greenaway sentenced Lustgarten to six months' imprisonment in the second division.

This dismissal profoundly affected the Prince and brought to a head the quarrel between him and the Royal Family and Government, and particularly the late M. Jonel Bratianu and Prince Stirbey.

According to M. Perreux, the Prince's flight with Mme. Lupescu and the scandal that ensued was a grievous blow to his father, King Ferdinand, as he lay dying. To the last the King hoped that his son would repent of his waywardness and return to his duty.

Political Intrigue.

M. Perreux expresses the opinion that the ex-Crown Prince was not actuated solely by passionate motives, but was also the scapegoat of the late Rumanian Premier, M. Jonel Bratianu, in his struggle with the Opposition. It is because he crystallised the desire of the Opposition to overthrow the present Government, that the ex-Crown Prince in a certain degree remains the champion of the Government's opponents.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Ember Day.
Helena May Institute Bible Study.
Study Circle, 10.30 a.m.
Sir Miles Lampson leaves on a. Franconia.
Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club "A" v. K.O.S.B., King's Park, 5 p.m.
Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.
Cheer O.Y.M.C.A. Musical Evening, 7.30 p.m.
St. Stephen's Girls College Prize Distribution, 8 p.m.
H.M.S. Titania dance at Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Scarlet Letter."
World Theatre: "The Confession of a Queen."
Star Theatre: "Introduce Me."
Principal Mails: Inward: Europe via Siberia (Finnian). Outward: Australia and ports (Tanda), 9.30 p.m.; Europe via Siberia (Mongolia), 8.30 a.m.

Saturday.

Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning.
Fanning Hunt: Spring Steeple Chase, 10 a.m., Kwantli.
Yachting: — Menagerie Race (Racing Yachts).
Tennis: Ladies' Recreation Club, American Tournament, 2.30 p.m.
H.K. Rifle League annual meet, Kowloon City Range.
Cricket: — League Games: Navy v. University; Kowloon v. Chinese R.O. Fraternities (Second Div.).
H.K. Electric v. Recreation, Police v. Navy.
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Principal Mails: — Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Macedonia), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Finnian), 8.30 p.m.

Sunday.

Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning.
2nd: Week in Lent.
Yachting: Commodore's v. Club.
H.K. Rifle League Annual Meet, Kowloon City Range.
Queen's Theatre: "The Circus."
World Theatre: "Mantrap."
Star Theatre: "The Whole Town's Talking."
Lenten Services: — St. John's Cathedral, at evensong; The Discovery of God v. Rev. H. V. Koop, M.A. At St. Peter's Church.
Christ the Redeemer of True Human Nature, by Rev. E. M. L. Martin, M.A.
Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

Monday.

King's College Opening Ceremony by Sir Cecil Clementi, 3 p.m.
St. Andrew's Young Men's Club Annual Marathon Race, 4.30 p.m. at Kowloon.
St. Paul's Institution (Anglo-French School) Causeway Bay, prize distribution by Lady Clementi, 5 p.m.
Talk on "My Personal Experiences in Russia" by Mr. R. C. Tredwell (U.S. Consul General) at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
Ten Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.
St. Peter's Club Debate: "That Cinema exerts a greater influence on public opinion than the Press," 8.30 p.m.

Tuesday.

Hockey: H.K. Hockey Club 2nd XI v. H.K.S.R.A., at Marina Ground, Kowloon, 5 p.m.
Cheer O.C. Canton Meeting of Lady Helpers, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.
Sanitary Board fortnightly meeting, 4.15 p.m.
Annual Inspection of St. John's Ambulance Brigade by H.E. The Governor, Murray Parade Ground, 5.15 p.m.
Cathedral Hall debate: Subject: "That in making the World Christian, emphasis should be laid on winning individuals rather than on changing wrong conditions," 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Circus."
World Theatre: "The Crown of Lies."
Star Theatre: "Altar of Desire."
Principal Mails: — Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Glaucus), 2.30 p.m.; Europe via Siberia (President McKinley), 5 p.m.
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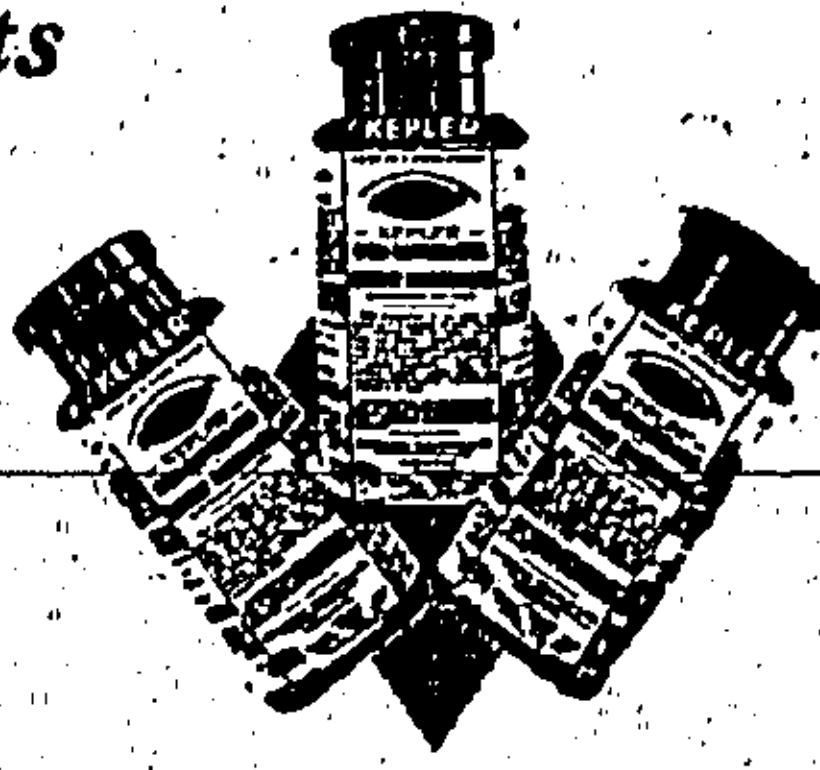
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FULL REPORT OF THE BRITISH
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The speeches made at the various public functions held on Shamoon and in Canton City, attended by all prominent Chinese and British residents, were significant of the changed attitude towards foreign interests in South China.

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This issue also contains the full report of the annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The Chairman's review of the year's trade at that meeting is awaited with interest in all parts of the world.

A number of other companies have held their annual meetings during the past week and the combined reports make this particular issue one that should be filed for reference in every business office.

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YOUNG BRIDE'S FATE.

PALMER FOUND GUILTY.
MANSLAUGHTER VERDICT.

After a trial lasting five days, Charles Jackson Palmer, aged 59, a medical electrician, of Upper Brook-street, W., was found guilty of the manslaughter of Mrs. Elsie Alice Goldsmith, aged 21, wife of a retired naval paymaster.

The Lord Chief Justice postponed sentence.

Mrs. Goldsmith died at Palmer's establishment on November 21st shortly after her return from her honeymoon in France. The defence was that she died under electrical treatment for nervous debility. The case for the Crown was that she was in a certain condition and that her death was due to an injection given for an illegal purpose.

Palmer, continuing his evidence, said he had obeyed the regulation in his London County Council licence—that the door of his surgery should not be locked during treatment of a patient.

He applied current from an induction coil on Mrs. Goldsmith. The machine could produce a voltage when the patient was in circuit up to 50. When the patient was not in circuit it might be 2,800 volts.

When Mrs. Goldsmith first called on him on November 11th she explained that she had been extremely depressed for some time, and asked if he could relieve her nervous condition. It was arranged that she should have electrical treatment, and he told her that his fees were £2 2s. for the first treatment and £1 1s. for each subsequent visit. The treatment took about twenty minutes.

Minute To Decide.

The Lord Chief Justice (Lord Hewart): How long did you take to make up your mind that this was a case for electrical treatment?—About a minute.

And when she had described sufficiently to proceed at once to apply the treatment?—Yes, after she had told me her symptoms.

On November 21st he gave Mrs. Goldsmith treatment similar to that on her previous visit. It lasted about twenty minutes, and as he got towards the end of it she seemed to get sudden cramp, partly sit up, and then lie back and look rather faint. He switched off the current and got some aromatic ammonia.

She did not revive, and he ran upstairs to see if a doctor was still there with his wife. He found that the doctor had gone, so he tried artificial respiration without effect.

Note The Time.

Palmer was describing his efforts to get a doctor when Lord Hewart interposed and asked Palmer to "note the time—11.34 a.m." "I wish to call attention to the time for a reason which will subsequently appear," he added.

Mr. Samuel, defending: Did you at any time know that Mrs. Goldsmith was in a certain condition?—I did not.

Did you ever make any injection?—Never.

Cross-examined by Mr. Percival Clarke, prosecuting, Palmer said he did not give Mrs. Goldsmith to understand that the fee was £50. He promised to send her a receipt for her £30 but he did not do so.

Mr. Clarke: Have you any doubt now that the real object of that young woman in visiting you was to get rid of her pregnancy?—Yes, I have.

Lord Hewart: Have you any doubt after her husband's evidence that this young woman ardently desired to avoid having a baby?—I have no doubt of that.

And do you tell the jury and me that nevertheless she said nothing about it to you?—She never mentioned it to me.

Palmer said he tried artificial respiration for about 15 or 20 minutes after Mrs. Goldsmith's collapse.

Lord Hewart: And during that time never by bell, telephone, or otherwise did you take any steps to get anybody else into that room?—I was concentrating entirely on artificial respiration.

Is that answer yes or no?—No. Frank William Reid, a member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers, said the electrical machine used on Mrs. Goldsmith was capable of giving severe shocks.

Such a machine might throw a man off his legs or from a couch, and it was capable of raising the body of a sixteen-stone man 120 times in a minute. He could not recall such a machine causing the death of a patient.

Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., defending, submitted that the case against Palmer had broken down in every vital particular.

Mr. Percival Clarke, replying for the Crown, said that this young woman wanted to be rid of a child and the evidence clearly showed she was operated on illegally by Palmer.

(Continued on next column.)

SAIGON RICE MARKET.

PRICES UNCHANGED.

MODERATE ENQUIRY FROM EUROPE.

The Compagnie de Commerce de Navigation d'Extrême-Orient in their report dated Saigon, February 23rd, state: Our market is steady and the prices remain unchanged.

The Far Eastern markets continue, "to look on," but there is a moderate enquiry from Europe.

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The total amount of rice exported from January 1st to February 15th is 184,669,370 tons against 136,534,427 tons in 1927.

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The Summing Up.

Lord Hewart in his summing up to the jury said: "You are not trying Mr. Norman Birkett, and when you listened to that remarkable and brilliant speech full of so much earnestness, pathos, and eloquence you might think at times that it would be almost a breach of a moral duty not to accept the argument that was being made. But your task and my task is to examine this case according to the evidence."

Lord Hewart then explained his dramatic interruption on the previous day when, during Palmer's evidence, he said to him, "Look at the clock—11.34 a.m." The husband, in his evidence, said the judge had stated that when Palmer informed him of his wife's death he asked if she was really gone and if Palmer could bring her round.

I waited, and I am sure you waited to hear what questions this youthful husband, married two months before, then put to Palmer about this tragic death of his young bride. Not a question. Palmer did not tell him the various steps which had preceded from 5.30 to 9 o'clock, nor did Mr. Goldsmith ask.

Lord Hewart's Question.

And when Palmer gave evidence, I waited again to hear what he would have to say upon that matter. Palmer went into the witness-box shortly before the close of Wednesday.

He went into the witness-box again yesterday (Thursday) morning, and he gave his evidence with deliberation. There was no hurry, but it was not until 11.34, a complete hour after he had been in the box that he reached and disposed of this interview with the husband.

Not one word to contradict the statement of the husband that he did not tell him what was being done, what had been done during the period when the wife was in that consulting room, and not a word to contradict the statement that the husband asked no questions.

I pointedly invited Palmer to look at the clock. A whole hour had gone by, the detail of the case up to that point had been set out with elaboration, and as he was leaving that incident I invited him to look at the time.

Lord Hewart said that they were told that sometimes when people die it was difficult to assign the cause of death. "If Mrs. Goldsmith had died in a tea shop or an omnibus it might be very different, but here was a young woman who is lying on a sofa with her underclothes removed. She has paid at least £30 to the medical electrician who is attending her, and there is no one else in the room."

The jury were an hour and 35 minutes, considering their verdict.

Under Suspicion.

Detective-Inspector Hester said there were no previous convictions. Palmer was a married man with an invalid wife. There was no doubt that for some years past he had conducted a genuine business as a medical electrician among well-to-do people, and until fifteen or eighteen months ago nothing derogatory was heard about him.

Since then there was reason to believe he had been a party to performing illegal operations.

It was the custom of the L.C.C. to visit such premises once a year, but owing to the suspicious Palmer's premises had been visited frequently during the past year.

Asked if he had anything to say, Palmer, speaking in clear tones, said, "I am not guilty of this charge."

Lord Hewart said the jury had convicted Palmer on evidence which was so clear as to be quite overwhelming. "It approached the certainty of a mathematical demonstration."

MORE CABLES BEING SENT.

AN INDEX OF TRADE PROSPERITY

RECENT REDUCTION OF CHARGES.

The big strides made by wireless have threatened the cable form of transmission, and in consequence cable prices are being everywhere lowered. The American traffic has been particularly affected and the reduced prices are an endeavour to regain some lost ground. Although the cable rates are not generally lower than those charged for wireless the greater certainty claimed for the submarine cable enables it to hold its own except where the charges are much heavier than for wireless. Telegrams from here to Europe are, however, actually cheaper than radio under the new scale.

The two principal reasons why many firms prefer to transmit important business by cable are the greater secrecy and the greater accuracy, and it is understood from enquiries at the Great Northern Telegraph Company in Hong Kong that their receipts are increasing month by month.

A number of firms who for some time refrained from giving them their business are now returning to them.

Some of the reductions in cable charges just announced are very startling. For instance there is a 25 cents cut per word from here to San Francisco, from \$1.00 to \$1.70; to New York a reduction of 15 cents a word, from \$2.20 to \$2.05.

The amount of telegraphic business done is a barometer of trade and the fact that business is increasing here at a quite unusual rate augurs well for the trade prospects of the Colony.

BATTERSEA'S MYSTERY HOUSE.

ALL QUIET WITH ONLY ONE OCCUPANT.

Peace has descended on the house in "Eland-road, Battersea, S.W., wherein the throwing of coal and soda, the falling of furniture and crockery, and other disturbances have created so much interest, says a copy to hand of a London paper.

Mr. Henry Robinson, an invalid of 64, his son, Mr. Frederick Robinson, who was last week taken to hospital for observation, Mr. Frederick Robinson's two sisters, and his 14-year-old nephew Peter have left the house. A third sister, Miss Lillah Robinson, sleeps there and has visited it daily.

Now the disturbances have almost entirely ceased. The only peculiar event reported is the throwing of a piece of soda across the kitchen on Saturday night. This, however, may have been thrown into the kitchen from the garden.

Mrs. Brackenbury, the cheerful young friend of the family who slept in the house one night and stayed there on the following day, told a Daily Mail reporter that she had neither seen nor heard anything peculiar.

NO WEDDING AFTER 30 YEARS' COURTING.

A "CREDULOUS" PLAINTIFF.

LEICESTER, Feb. 1st.

The breaking off of a courtship which had lasted thirty years was the cause of an action at Leicester Assizes yesterday, when Miss Annie Mills, a shopkeeper, of Leicester, sued Frank Jesson, a wheelwright, also of Leicester, for a thousand pounds damages for breach of promise.

Mr. Loseby, for the plaintiff, said he was afraid he had to admit that his client was somewhat credulous and stupid. Miss Mills, who was fifty, met Jesson, who was fifty-three, in 1897, and they became engaged the following year. She agreed to postpone the marriage then because Jesson said his father would cut him out of his will if he married. When his father died in 1910 she again agreed to postpone it because his sister was very ill. When the sister died in 1917 she once again agreed to postpone it because they could not marry on war rations. Jesson broke it off last year, and was now courting a younger woman.

There were not many letters to cause the jury amusement. Once Jesson wrote: "Bring me a pair of boots for a present."

Mr. Justice Sankey: Carpet slippers are the usual thing. (Laughter.)

Mr. Loseby: He wrote once telling her to be careful, as there was a lot of smallpox about and it would kill him if anything happened to her.

Mr. Henderson, for the defendant, said he had not had time to consider the case properly, and the Judge adjourned it till next Assizes, saying: "Two months won't matter after all this time."

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BELL THAT RANG AFTER TRAGEDY.

FATHER FINDS SON DEAD IN CHURCH TOWER.

The story of a bell that sounded after a tragedy in the dark belfry of Mitcham Parish Church was told to an Evening Standard representative.

Mr. Henry King, a sidesman at the church, searched for his 27-year-old son, Stanley, one of the bell-ringers, who had not returned home. It was known that the bell-ringer had been in the tower attending to the ropes. The father climbed the stone spiral staircase to the ringing chamber.

When Mr. King reached the room he found his son dead, hanging with a bell rope twisted round his neck.

No other person was present in the chamber. Below the boys of the church choir were practising. Several people living near the church state that shortly after 5 p.m. they heard one of the bells strike several notes.

The father, who conducts a boys' club in Westfield-road, Mitcham, stated:—

"As Stanley had not returned when I set out to go to the boys' club, I thought I would look in the belfry to see if he was still there. The key was burning in the ringing room."

When I reached the next floor I discovered the tragedy. My dead son was facing me, with one of the ropes round his neck."

I rushed across to the vicarage opposite. The vicar, the Rev. C. A. Finch, went back with me and helped me to remove my son."

Mr. King's son was unmarried. He was an enthusiastic campanologist and had been a ringer at Mitcham Parish Church for about five years.

FRED TERRY AND JULIA NEILSON.

THE "GREATER DRAW."

Mr. Fred Terry, the actor-manager, recently claimed damages from Variety Theatres Controlling Company, Ltd., for their refusal to allow Mr. Terry's company to perform at the Portsmouth Hippodrome for a week in April 1928.

Mr. Terry intended to give "Sweet Nell of Old Drury," in which he played the part of Charles II., but he was kept in London by an illness and the theatre management declined to accept Mr. Frank Royde as his substitute. They contended they were entitled to have an actor of equal standing and drawing power to Mr. Terry.

Mr. Terry was cross-examined by Mr. Doughty, K.C., for the defence.

Mr. Doughty: You agree that your name is a very great draw in the provinces?—I hope it is. Do you know that the theatre prices are doubled in order that people may see you?—And my company.

In some circumstances Mr. Terry thought the name of his wife, Miss Julia Neilson, was a greater draw than his own in the provinces.

Mr. Justice Rowlatt said he would give judgment on Monday.

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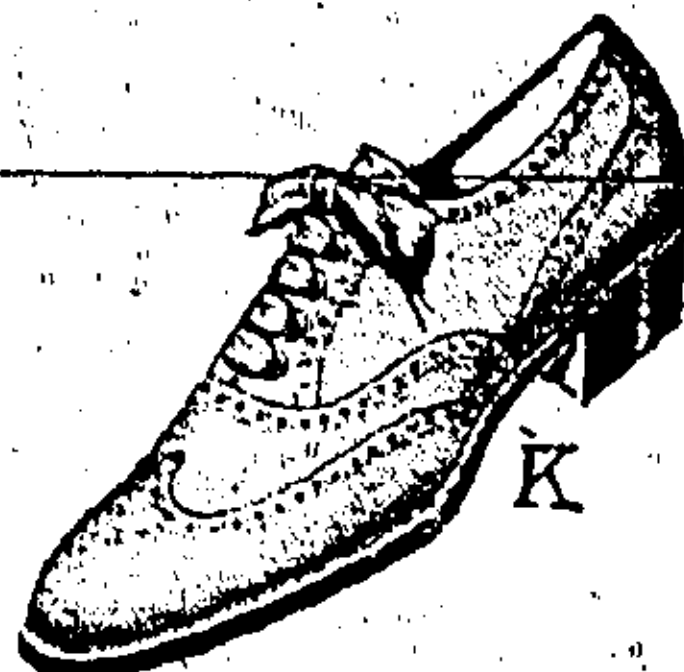
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THE INFANTS' MORTGAGE CASE.

THE LAW'S PROTECTION OF INFANTS AGAINST THEMSELVES.

MR. POTTER ARGUES THAT THEIR CONTRACT IS VOID.

JUDGE'S POST-TRIAL INTERVIEW CRITICISED.

The Full Court (Sir H. C. Gollan (President), Sir Peter Grain and Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) was sitting yesterday, when the appeal of two Chinese infants who had become parties to a mortgage of \$400,000 on their late father's estate was again before the Court.

The Court adjourned at the conclusion of Mr. Potter's address, which occupied two full days. Yesterday Mr. Potter again emphasised the fact that fraud had to be proved beyond any shadow of doubt before the law would decide adversely to infants.

Mr. Potter stated that if the appeal were dismissed he would alternatively ask for a new trial, on the ground that following an interview with one of the witness after the conclusion of the first trial, Mr. Justice Wood had modified or omitted some part of his proposed judgment.

The appellants were Loo Kwong Lam, 37, Caine Road, and Loo Kwong Hin, of the same address, an infant and the respondents were Li Koon Chun, 81, Wing Lok Street, and Kan Tong Po, the chief manager of the Bank of East Asia, Ltd., 10, Des Voeux Road Central.

The appeal is against the judgment of Mr. Justice Wood, who found that appellants had fraudulently misrepresented their age in becoming parties to the mortgage and rejected their claim that as infants at the time of signing their estate was not liable.

Meaning of Parties.

Towards the close of the first day's hearing Mr. Justice Wood remarked that he did not consider that the mortgagees became parties to a mortgage until they paid over the money. At the opening of yesterday's sitting Mr. Potter returned to this point. He stated that the moment the mortgagees put pen to paper in Messrs. Hastings, Denny & Bowley's office the property passed to the mortgagees, who automatically became parties to the mortgage.

Proof of Full Age.

Dealing with the question of whether Lam, the elder of the infants, had represented himself as being 21 years old, Mr. Potter said that there was literally no evidence that it had been brought to Lam's mind that he was being represented as over 21.

The defendants, who admitted that they were worried because the boys looked young, now came into Court and said that they had never asked plaintiffs their ages. They could not rely on ambiguous representation; they must prove that the infants realised the full significance of coming of age in English and Chinese law.

"I Am Of Age."

The interpreter Leung told a story, which was unsupported. He said that when the question was asked if they were of age, Lam tapped his chest and said "I am of age." Both Li Koon Chun and Kan Tong Po, the mortgagees, were present, but they said nothing of the remark in evidence. "You cannot have it both ways," remarked Mr. Potter, "if it was said and they did not hear it, it cannot have influenced them." Further, if Li and Kan did not hear this remark, there was no reason why Lam and Hin should have heard Soong's remark representing them as of full age.

Interpreter's Commission.

Turning to the question of the commission paid to Soong and Leung, Mr. Potter said that if Leung was perjured on one point, namely, the origin of the cheque from Soong, he was not only a perjured witness, but he had received \$16,000. This receipt of a 5 per cent. commission was very material to the case. If two people had managed to obtain \$46,000, they were quite capable of suppressing the meaning of the representation, as, if the deal did not go through, they would not get their "squeeze." In this connection it was interesting to note that the mortgagees had to give Soong promissory notes before the deal was put through. Mr. Potter again emphasised that the story of the \$16,000 was important as evidence of Leung's credibility as a witness. Leung himself maintained that it was a mere coincidence that a cheque for \$16,000 was drawn by Soong to Walter Ford (Leung's alias) on February 10th, the actual day of the deal.

Infants' Position.

Even assuming fraud, continued Mr. Potter, which of course we emphatically deny, we are entitled to relief claimed as infants, for the learned judge agreed that we avoided in both cases in time. Yet the conditions imposed, again assuming fraud, could not be imposed on plaintiffs under any circumstances. These conditions were that the plaintiffs, by way of restitution must repay in full the mortgage debt and interest. That could be done by anyone of full age without ever entering a court at all.

Mr. Potter suggested that such conditions put the law in a hopelessly illogical position. In the case of a moneylender, for instance, the unfortunate creditor cannot get relief even if the money was got on the clearest representation of the infant that he was over 21; yet on the analogy of this case, if the infant had been compelled to give security, and the moneylender had threatened to sell, thus forcing the infant into court to protect his property, the infant is refused relief.

The policy of the law is to protect the infant against himself in contract, and it has been held that the infant cannot even be held liable by framing the action in tort.

"So The Law Stands."

Mr. Potter's decision enforcing the contract, is very different from disaffirming a contract. The terms of a contract cannot be directly enforced against an infant who has voided a contract under plea of his age.

Sir H. C. Gollan: Assuming the fraud, Mr. Potter, as you are doing for this part of the argument, you are asking the court practically to take part in fraud.

A New Trial Asked For Provisionally.

Mr. Potter then raised a point in connection with his application for a new trial under certain circumstances. He stated that he would ask for a new trial if fraud were established, though he respectfully submitted that there was no evidence of it. The reason for this request was that following the hearing of the case in the court below, but before judgment had been delivered, Mr. Justice Wood interviewed in his chambers Mr. D. H. Blake, a witness of the defendants.

Mr. Potter said that the learned judge claimed that he was entitled to do this as a matter of right, but they respectfully said that as a matter of law he was not so entitled. "I cannot give any authority," said Mr. Potter, "I frankly cannot, as I have looked but I cannot find a single case in which it occurred."

Altered Judgment.

At this interview, matters relating to the interpreter, Mr. Leung Wing Cheung, were discussed and as a result certain comments upon this witness in a draft of the proposed judgment were modified or omitted.

Mr. Potter strongly maintained that he was entitled to the conclusions of the learned judge on the evidence given in court, irrespective of their effect upon the future career of any witness. Leung was a very important witness, as he was the only one who testified to Lam's statement "I am of age." But the result of this interview with Mr. Blake, said Counsel, "is this: that what may have been a very important witness, has disappeared from the judgment. I might have been able to say that here is a finding that this witness is utterly unreliable. I am entitled to the views of the learned trial judge utterly unaffected by anyone, however worthy. For all these reasons I submit that the judgment be reversed."

The case will be continued on Monday morning.

THE "CHINA" EXHIBITION.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH ENTERPRISE.

TO GIVE INSIGHT INTO CHINESE LIFE.

TO BE OPENED MARCH 28th.

Arising out of a suggestion on the part of one or two people, the idea of an exposition of Chinese life, customs and manufactures has grown into a plan for an exhibition of "Things Chinese" that will give residents in this Colony a better appreciation, and a wider knowledge of those among whom they live. Preliminary meetings formulated the scope of the exhibition, and a general committee meeting, held in St. Andrew's Church Hall has now appointed sub-committees, and set in motion the machinery of this undertaking.

The three days of the exhibition are March 28th, 29th and 30th, and the Church Hall and the grounds will be utilised for the display of the various aspects of Chinese life. A provisional committee, appointed by the Vicar of St. Andrew's, the Rev. W. Walton Rogers, met for the first time on February 23rd, and a definite scheme has been drawn up, and the approval of St. Andrew's vestry obtained.

It has been decided to try and secure on loan specimens of Chinese art and antiquities, old porcelain, pictures, carvings, Chinese inventions, and typical Chinese curios. Among those promised are a peculiar ink slab, in a carved blackwood case, used by the Emperor Kien Lung, over 300 years old, a grain of rice, carved with 28 Chinese characters, two tiny pieces of ivory, with minute writing upon them, an old Chinese compass and sundial. These, and others that are to be loaned, will be displayed in the Church Hall.

In addition, various demonstrations are to be arranged, showing methods of manufacture of wood carving, ivory work, Chinese writing on scrolls, wax figures and other items of peculiar interest to people living in China. Chinese firms are to be allowed to carry on their trades within the grounds, in order that one may see "How it is made" and samples of the work done will be on sale. It is interesting to note that several exhibitors at Wembley Exhibition have promised to demonstrate.

The St. Andrew's Church have decided to run a stall stocked with goods obtained from Canton, which will be sold at reasonable prices.

Entertainments. It is proposed to utilise the Church Hall for the purpose of staging tableaux of Chinese customs, such as weddings, funerals, Ching Ming, and others, each preceded by a short explanatory lecture in English. Lectures on Chinese art and music, and the peculiarities of the language are also to be given. The Hong Kong University students will present a Chinese concert, and Rev. G. H. McNure is lecturing on "The Chinese Mind."

For the provision of refreshments, two restaurants are to be run, one giving Chinese food and tea, and the other supplying teas English style. These will be obtained in the upper rooms of the Church Hall.

Messrs. Wo Hop, the firm who demonstrated at Wembley, have promised to erect the structures that will be necessary to contain the various sections, and the grounds will be illuminated at night.

At this meeting the various sub-committees to organise the different departments were elected, from the general committee.

The Officials.

His Excellency Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., has accepted the position of Patron, while the Bishop of Victoria has kindly consented to serve as President of the General Committee. Rev. W. Walton Rogers and Mr. F. A. C. Mow Fung were appointed Vice-Presidents with Mr. C. C. Mitchell and Mr. J. W. Baldwin as Hon. Treasurers, and Miss E. Couche and Miss R. Mow Fung as Hon. Secretaries.

The Committee are: The Vicar and Members of the St. Andrew's Vestry; Mrs. Duppy, Mrs. W. W. Rogers, Miss E. Atkins, Mrs. F. A. Britton, Dr. L. I. H. Hunt, Miss W. L. Griffin, Mrs. J. H. Hunt, Mrs. E. G. Stewart, Mrs. Cheung Wing Kui, Mrs. C. I. Blanchett, Revs. E. W. L. Martin, C. B. Shann, H. H. Johnston, H. A. Wittenbach, J. H. Johnston, and Mrs. Sze Kai, Messrs. E. G. Stewart, J. H. Johnston, Wong Siu Pun, Tsui Wing Kong, E. Cock, B. Wylie, B. Wong Tape, V. C. Labrum, Rufus Huang, Dr. E. Kirk, and Capt. H. Fogg.

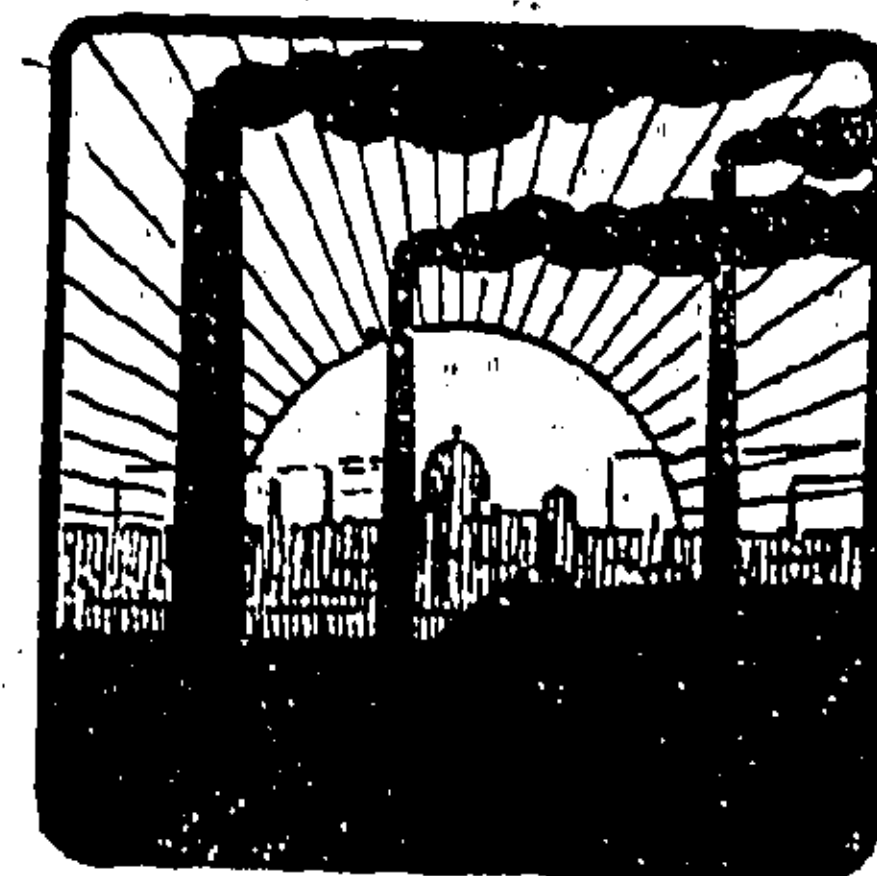
The Convenors and members of the special sub-committees are: Exhibitors: Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, and Messrs. E. G. Stewart, W. Stapleton, Dr. E. Kirk.

Demonstrations: Mr. Tsui Kwing Kong.

Stalls: Miss Robinson, and Mrs. C. I. Blanchett, Miss E. Walters, Mrs. F. A. Britton, Dr. L. I. H. (Continued on next column.)

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[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"The Scarlet Letter" makes an excellent film. The crude morals of Puritanism are in line with film convention and therefore both directors and actors feel on sure ground. But it is above all the triumph of Lilian Gish.

"Way Down East" was, we believe, her first real triumph and from the similarity of the story it is easy to see how immeasurably her art has improved. She made a very charming Mimi in La Boheme, in fact an almost perfect Mimi, but Hester Prynne is a bigger rôle. It would have been very easy to have transformed Hawthorne's Hester into the usual heroine of films dealing with the betrayal of an innocent girl, for directors have no conscience about such things. But Lilian Gish gives us a far better Hester, a woman strong enough to face the present and the future, and to bear the burden of a weaker character, with understanding and sympathy.

Tragic though the theme is there is much that is very beautiful in the production, and the tragedy is never allowed to become oppressive. Hester can smile at her troubles and she makes us feel that we can smile at ours. The age in which she lived was grim and cruel, but the cruelty has not been over insisted upon in the production.

We recommend "The Scarlet Letter" as a fine and unusual picture which we are confident you will enjoy and remember.

DANCE CONTROL.

A BOARD OF FIVE INSTRUCTORS.

"Fewer and better new dances" is the aim of a board of control formed recently by five of the best known dance instructors. Mr. Santos Casani, one of the five, said that it was estimated that they were responsible for the teaching of new dances to about 3,600 dance instructors in all parts of the country. He added:

Dances which are not wanted and are no good are continually being introduced. It is our intention to try new dances and find out if they are suitable for ordinary people to learn easily. We have circularised all those teachers with whom we are in touch, and they have agreed to the scheme.

Mr. Victor Silvestry, another of the instructors who have launched the scheme, said that it was hoped to help the general dancing public to learn a few good new dances rather than a large number of inferior ones.

ENTERTAINMENTS: Rev. N. V. Halward, and Rev. E. W. L. Martin, Miss E. Atkins, Miss Griffin, Rev. Teo Sze Kai, Mr. Wong Siu Pun, Mrs. Cheung Wing Kui, Mr. Fung W. Wong Tape, Mr. Rufus Huang, Rev. J. H. Johnston.

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STEWARDS: Capt. H. Fogg, and Capt. R. D. Thomas.

PARCELS AND COOK ROOMS: Mr. W. H. C. Robson.

The Vicar, who was in the chair, regretted that the Governor, who had a prior engagement on March 28th, would not be able to open the exhibition, but His Excellency Major-General C. C. Luard had promised to perform that ceremony.

THE POLICE RESERVE.

COMMANDER HARTFORD'S SERVICES.

TRIBUTE FROM H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

As is known Comdr. G. B. Hartford resigned last month from his position of Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve). The resignation was due to private affairs. In communicating his decision to the Captain Superintendent of Police, Comdr. Hartford wrote:—

"I should like to take this opportunity of recording my sincere thanks to you and to all ranks of the Hong Kong Police with whom I have come in contact for their sympathy and help in all my work in connection with the Police Reserve."

The Colonial Secretary wrote to Comdr. Hartford as follows:—

"I am directed by H.E. the Governor to express to you, on the occasion of your resignation from the office of Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve) his high appreciation of the services which you have rendered to the Police Force and especially to the Police Reserve."

"His Excellency regards the numbers and the efficient state of the Police Reserve as a proof of the success with which you have handled this delicate problem. His Excellency also considers your voluntary assumption of these arduous duties to be a splendid example of public spirit and zeal."

ST. DAVID'S DAY.

WREATH LAID IN CENOTAPH.

Yesterday was St. David's Day and at 11 a.m. the President of the St. David's Society (Mr. E. I. Wynne Jones) laid a wreath on the Cenotaph. The Vice-President (Capt. Thomas) and two past presidents, Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. D. J. Lewis, and a number of other members were also present, and after the placing of the wreath stood bareheaded for a brief while in front of the Cenotaph.

Dinner Postponed.

The annual dinner of the Society which was to have been given yesterday evening at the Lane Crawford's Restaurant had to be cancelled owing to unforeseen circumstances. Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones, Secretary of the Society, informs us that the dinner will probably be held at a later date.

THE DAIRY FARM CO.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The thirty-second ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders in the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., will be held at the Company's Town Office, on Saturday, March 10th, at noon.

The report to be presented states:—The profit for the period under review after writing off \$119,435.79 for depreciation, \$212,232.06 for share investments, placing \$14,771.20 to reserve against bad and doubtful debts and providing for Directors and Auditors fees, amounts to \$226,604.79 which includes the sum of \$26,004.70 brought forward from last year's accounts. It is proposed to deal with the above balance of \$226,604.79 as follows:—Pay a dividend of \$1.25 per share on 200,000 shares, \$250,000; Carry forward, \$16,604.79.

Mr. A. S. D. Cousland and Mr. J. J. Paterson having resigned, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mr. A. B. Stewart were invited to fill the vacancies.

Mr. T. G. Weill and the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes retire by rotation but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

VISIT OF MARSHAL
LI TSAI HSIN.OFFICIAL PROGRAMME OF
WELCOME.DEPARTURE OF SIR MILES
LAMPSON.

General Li Tsai Hsin, who according to a statement published yesterday, has just taken the title of Marshal, arrives in Hong Kong today by the s.s. *Feijung*.

As the vessel enters the harbour at 10 a.m. she will fire a salute of 21 guns which will be answered from the official battery. Marshal Li's flag will then receive a salute of 17 guns from the warships in port. When the visitor steps ashore at Queen's Pier at 10.15 a.m. there will be a further salute fired from the official battery, and the Marshal will be met by H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) and a Guard of Honour. Members of the Legislative Council and the leading members of the Chinese community will be present at tiffin at Government House at 12.30.

DEPARTURE OF SIR MILES
LAMPSON.

At 2.30 Sir Miles Lampson leaves Queen's Pier for the R.M.S. *Franconia*. A Guard of Honour will be in attendance and salutes will be fired as his launch crosses the harbour. Following the departure of Sir Miles, H.E. the Governor and Marshal Li will motor round the island.

DINNER AT GOVERNMENT
HOUSE.

The party from Canton will be entertained to dinner at Government House at 8.15 p.m. after which a reception will be held to which the heads of leading business houses and members of the Chinese community have been invited.

PROGRAMME FOR
SATURDAY.

A conference will be held at Government House at 10 a.m. to discuss Canton and Hong Kong affairs following which Marshal Li will be entertained at the house of the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., for tiffin at 1 p.m.

Sir Shou Son Chow and Dr. Kotewall will be the joint hosts at a reception to be held at 4 p.m. in the Chinese Merchants' Club, China Building; and at 7 p.m. the distinguished visitor will attend a dinner given in his honour by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

DEPARTURE OF MARSHAL
LI TSAI HSIN.

Marshal Li will depart from Queen's Pier at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 4th. A Guard of Honour will be assembled on Queen's Pier, and the usual salutes fired.

OFFICIAL VISIT TO
CANTON.

A return visit of H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) has been arranged for March 9th, but as yet no official details are available.

POSTAL SERVICE TO
SWABUE SUSPENDED.

In view of the disturbances prevailing at Swabue and neighbouring places, the General Post Office has announced that postal service to that port has been suspended from yesterday until further notice.

S.S. "TAISHAN" HELD UP.

The s.s. *Taishan* did not leave Canton yesterday afternoon owing to the fog.

THE "FRANCONIA'S"
VOYAGE.WHY WEALTHY U.S. LADIES
LIVE AFLOAT!

DANCERS AND ELEPHANTS.

AN AUCTION OF BACHELORS.

The R.M.S. *Franconia*, which was to have come in by daylight yesterday morning, was unable to enter the harbour for some hours owing to fog. She berthed at Kowloon about 1.15 p.m.

There are some 400 passengers on board, mostly Americans. As is usual on round-the-world cruises, the greater number are retired business men and their wives, though there are some young people who have not yet entered the arena, and a few busy men whose wives have persuaded them that they need a holiday. Some of the passengers have already made two or three round the world trips. As one passenger told our representative, "There are a good many wealthy women who prefer a sea going life, to be free of all domestic worries. It's a good way," he added, "of shaking off friends and poor relations and charities." Since, however, the average cost of such a cruise is five thousand gold dollars, this cannot prove a solution for all women who are weary of house-keeping and the social round.

The voyage has been a happy one and quite uneventful except for a slight blow outside Singapore and the *contretemps* with the fog yesterday morning. The *Franconia* has kept strictly to schedule hitherto.

Native Dances.

The seven days which were spent in Northern India proved of special interest to many on board, though the trains were a disappointment after the luxurious American railroads. Benares, Delhi, Agra, and Jaipur were visited and in each place the tourists were entertained by native girls. But the native dancers of Bangkok were the greatest attraction. The dance, both in movement and costume, was an exact reproduction of the angels frescoed on the walls of the caves of Angkor in Cambodia. One of the passengers described it as the most beautiful and artistic dance he had ever witnessed.

Last year in Fiji the passengers of the *Franconia* watched the dances that a short time before were given in honour of the Prince of Wales, and they were entertained in Mombassa by the head dancers of eighteen native tribes.

Bangkok The Smiling. Everywhere on board one heard praises of Bangkok. The *Franconia* is only the second round-the-world liner to call there and the passengers had to be landed in tenders. "The Siamese were the best dressed, the best fed and the happiest looking people we have seen so far," our representative was told. The tourists were lucky in arriving during the celebrations in honour of the anniversary of the coronation of the King of Siam. They witnessed a Jamboree of native boy scouts, who were received by the King, and were much impressed with the smart appearance and discipline of the "Wild Tigers" as the scouts call themselves. They heard that on an average over two thousand Chinese were arriving in Siam a month and that the Government is considering restricting immigration.

Ride On Elephants. One of the most memorable excursions was that made from Taipei to the ruined temple city of Amber. Owing to the kindness of the Maharajah of Taipei, to whom the ruin belongs, the tourists were enabled to visit it and rode there on elephants provided by the Maharajah, an experience which seemed strangely fantastic to dwellers among the sky scrapers of New York.

Through Africa. A small party of about eight of the *Franconia's* passengers disembarked at Alexandria for a novel and most interesting trip. After excursions up the Nile they are to travel by boat, motor and sail, right through Africa, visiting interesting spots en route and rejoining the vessel when she calls at Cape Town.

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WAS THE "KINKO MARU"
PIRATED?SHIP SAID TO HAVE BEEN
LOOTED.

A CONTRADICTION REPORT.

The s.s. *Kinko Maru* which ran aground on Tuesday night in the vicinity of Turnabout Island (below Foochow), was reported to have been pirated before she was beached. The ship, it was stated, was completely looted. A Naval Wireless message dated February 29th states:

"The s.s. *Kinko Maru* was pirated and run ashore in position Lat. 25.33 N., Long. 119.53 E. (below Foochow). The pirates escaped in junk to Kwing Island and Laitin Island. Officers and crew are safe on board Japanese destroyers. The ship has been completely looted. It is reported that the Japanese steamer *Annan Maru* has proceeded to save the pirated vessel."

(No confirmation of this was, however, given by the agents of the *Kinko Maru*, Messrs. Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd. The message they received was that the ship went aground as a result of fog and a later message stated that the vessel had sunk. No piracy was mentioned in either message.)

The s.s. *Kinko Maru* was completed about 25 years ago and is a cargo vessel of about 3,000 tons gross. She is 325 feet long, her beam is 48 feet and she draws 21 feet.

THE P. & O. PASSENGER
LISTS.THOSE EXPECTED IN HONG
KONG.

S.S. "MANTUA" 11,000 tons, Capt. G. G. Randall, left London, on January 27th.

Mr. D. Abbey, Mrs. D. F. Bremner, Mr. C. Block, Mr. J. Brennan, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brander, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Field and 2 children, Miss Forrest, Miss B. George, Miss H. R. M. Gubbins, Miss G. H. Gow, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Howe, Master Howe, Mr. H. Owen Hughes, Miss E. A. Howe, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hickling, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Ireland, Mr. C. M. Kanally, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Kanally, Miss Lucille Kanally, Mr. and Mrs. T. Knott, child and maid, Mr. T. Murphy, Mr. C. C. Murray, Mr. J. D. McClatchie, Mr. A. Nicoll, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. H. Phillips, Mrs. Pilleau and infant, Mrs. M. Ralphs and child, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rawlinson, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sellers, infant and amah, Mr. W. F. Smith, Mr. F. M. Spence, Master Alec Seldon and governess, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Teller and infant, Master Teller, Mr. J. Will, and Mr. T. H. Williams.

S.S. "MONSIEUR" 10,500 tons, left London, on February 10th. Comdr. G. H. S. Furlong, R.D., N.Y.R.

Mr. W. A. Busby, Mr. C. W. G. Bond, Mr. J. F. Beard, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Comrie, Mr. A. T. P. Farquharson, Mr. A. Hutchings, Mr. M. H. Howrhan, Mr. T. Megarry, Mr. M. Murphy, Mr. R. McEwen, Mrs. J. C. Millbank, Miss Z. Millbank, Mr. and Mrs. Petch, Mr. F. T. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Roe and child, Mrs. W. B. Rigden, Mr. I. W. Shewan, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sturgeon and infant, Mr. C. C. Warren, Mr. Watson, Eng-Lien, Welch, and Mr. C. R. M. Young.

S.S. "MONA" 11,000 tons, left London, on February 24th, Comdr. E. J. Thornton, R.D., R.N.R.

Mr. Jas. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. C. Evans and 3 children, Miss V. H. Fairclough, Mrs. Cecil May, Mr. J. Moss, and Mr. G. E. Towns.

Idea was seized upon eagerly. Bidding started fairly low, and only reached \$25, said one gentleman, but they warmed up later. The Captain was knocked down for \$250. I wonder what his wife would say. For the auction which started with bachelors caused so much amusement that other men were "put up" as well. The money bid, in all eleven hundred gold dollars, was presented to the orchestra.

Impressions of Hong Kong. The time given to Hong Kong was unfortunately curtailed owing to the fog, but those of the visitors who drove round the New Territories were full of enthusiasm for the lovely country through which they passed and two ladies who mounted the Peak said that they considered the view of the Harbour from there the most wonderful they had ever seen. To-morrow morning will be given up to shopping and the *Franconia* sails again at 3.30 p.m.

SELLING TICKETS
IN HALVES.ALLEGED RACE COURSE
FRAUD.

TWO R.A. MEN PROSECUTED.

ACTION WATCHED BY
CHINESE DETECTIVES.

According to the evidence of two Chinese detectives given yesterday at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindsell in the case where the Hong Kong Jockey Club charged two Royal Artillery men with fraud, it would appear that the Jockey Club had had suspicious with regard to the sale of gate tickets at race meetings before the recent race week. The Chinese detectives testified that their instructions were not only to look out for pickpockets as usual but also to keep an eye on the soldiers taking money at the gates.

The two men charged were Corpl. J. Davidson and Bombardier Lowe who were accused of (a) attempting to steal \$75; (b) mutilating tickets of the Hong Kong Jockey Club; (c) attempted embezzlement of \$75; and (d) attempting to obtain \$75 by false pretences at the recent race meeting.

Mr. R. A. Wadson appeared for the prosecution and Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones was for the defendants. An officer of the Royal Artillery was on the Bench with Mr. Lindsell.

Evidence from a Chinese detective was to the effect that on race days he was stationed inside the enclosure. His duty was to look out for pickpockets and also to keep an eye on the European soldiers selling tickets at the gates. He recognised both the defendants, and had seen a Chinese lady paying \$3 for admission. In return she was handed only half a ticket. He had also seen four men entering the enclosure with only half tickets.

Witness said that he drew the attention of Det-Sergt. Baker who examined the half tickets issued to the Chinese lady and the other four men.

Cross-examined by Mr. Hugh Jones, witness said that he was not near the defendants. He was strolling about and did not station himself near the entrance.

Mr. Hugh Jones: I put it to you that you did not see this woman buy the ticket at all?

Mr. Lindsell (interposing): Why should you challenge that?

Mr. Hugh Jones: The impression I gathered was that he was sent out by Sergt. Baker to look for people with half tickets. From the evidence of Mr. Crawford and the Sergeant, I certainly gathered that this man was sent out to find people who had incomplete tickets.

Mr. Hugh Jones (to witness): Now, did you see the woman buying the ticket?—I did.

Mr. Hugh Jones: Was there a big crowd around that gate?—There was a large crowd outside.

Mr. Hugh Jones: They were waiting to get tickets?—There were not many waiting to get tickets. The crowd was outside the barrier some distance away watching the races.

Mr. Hugh Jones: Do you remember seeing the second defendant there?—Yes.

Mr. Hugh Jones: He was very close to you was he not?—About a yard away.

Mr. Hugh Jones: Did you see him on several occasions leave that position and go into the enclosure?—No.

Mr. Hugh Jones: What was he doing there?—He examined the tickets as the people came in through the barrier.

Mr. Hugh Jones: You did not see him follow several people in?—No.

This ended the case for the prosecution and in his closing remarks, Mr. Wadson cited a case at Home in which a man who gave out short weight on meat supplies to a military camp was convicted of attempted larceny of the difference.

It was held in that case against the contention of the accused that the overt act necessary to a conviction of larceny was present.

Mr. Wadson's contention was that the same overt act was present in the case in which they were engaged. He submitted that the defendants were only waiting for the close of the day's racing to accomplish that unlawful purpose. They would benefit to the extent of \$75 on such surplus funds as were permitted on the actual number of tickets sold.

(Continued on next column).

THE Y.M.C.A.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL
LAIDES' NIGHT.

A "crowded house" spent a very enjoyable evening last night at the Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, when the monthly Ladies' Night was held. A varied programme of amusements was given after dinner and was received with great enthusiasm.

"During the evening there were quartettes, songs of different varieties, piano duets and a competition. Refreshments were served in the dining room during a pause in the programme.

"These nights seem to become, if possible, more popular every month. Certainly the numbers present last night must have constituted very nearly, if not quite, a record.

SPECIAL JURORS FOR 1928.

LIST OF THOSE APPOINTED
TO SERVE.

The list of Hong Kong special jurors for 1928 are as follows:—

J. M. Alves, John Arnold, T. Arthur;

B. D. F. Beith, W. H. Bell, J. W. C. Bonnar, J. P. Braga, T. H. G. Brayfield, N. S. Brown;

Allan Cameron, A. H. Compton, A. G. Coplin;

A. W. Davidson, W. A. Dwyer, R. M. Dyer;

A. H. Ferguson, John Fleming, W. G. Goggins, K. W. Greig, G. Grimble, A. S. Gubby;

F. C. Hall, H. R. Hancock, Ho Kom Tong, Henry Humphreys;

J. E. Joseph;

Kan Tong Po;

H. A. Lammert, P. Lauder, Lay Kam Fat, C. Little, W. Logan;

C. G. S. Mackie, F. R. Marsh, G. Miskin;

P. W. Parker, W. L. Pattenden, T. E. Pearce, F. A. Perry, J. A. Plummer, Pui Tso-Yi (Tsu-Yi Pei);

J. M. da Rocha, R. Rodgers, D. O. Russell;

J. H. Seath, J. O. Sheppard, A. F. B. Silva-Netto, R. Sutherland;

J. H. Taggart, D. Templeton, P. Tester;

Wong Kam Fuk, Wong Kwong Tin.

In the case of the second defendant Mr. Wadson said, that although he might not have had the actual handling of the tickets, he was nevertheless an accessory to the attempted larceny.

For the defence Mr. Hugh Jones said that there was no evidence that the second defendant had seen men coming into the enclosure with half tickets. There was a rush and according to the evidence of one of the witnesses for the prosecution, one man was not sufficient to cope with the rush.

Mr. Hugh Jones further contended that the duty of the second defendant was confined to seeing that people paid to get into the course and as long as he saw tickets in the possession of people coming in, he was satisfied. His duty was not to see that all had a full ticket.

Second Defendant Discharged.

The Magistrate agreed that the evidence did not more than raise suspicion against the second accused and was not enough to convict. The second accused, Lowe, was therefore discharged.

First Defendant's Evidence.

The first defendant, Corpl. Davidson, then went into the box. He said that that was the second occasion on which he had been selling tickets for the Jockey Club. He agreed that he was unable to cope with the rush. There was generally a queue of people waiting to get tickets and at times no fewer than five persons standing at the box. He had to do the best he could, and the tearing of the tickets in halves seemed to be an easier way than to tear it in full at the perforated edge. It dawned upon him that people did not mind whether they had a ticket given them or not. There were occasions when people paid the money and rushed in without troubling to receive their tickets.

Other evidence was called for the defence and it was stated in Court that the defendant bore an excellent record in the Army and that he was due to leave the Colony in two days.

Following further legal arguments, Mr. Lindsell said that on the fourth charge, the defendant had no case to answer, and with regard to the first two charges, his Worship asked Mr. Wadson if he would be satisfied if the defendant were convicted on one charge. Mr. Wadson replied that he would, remarking that he had no wish to press the case at all.

In imposing a fine of \$100 with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour, Mr. Lindsell said that he had taken into consideration the excellent record of the defendant and the fact that he was due to leave the Colony in two days. The fine was paid.

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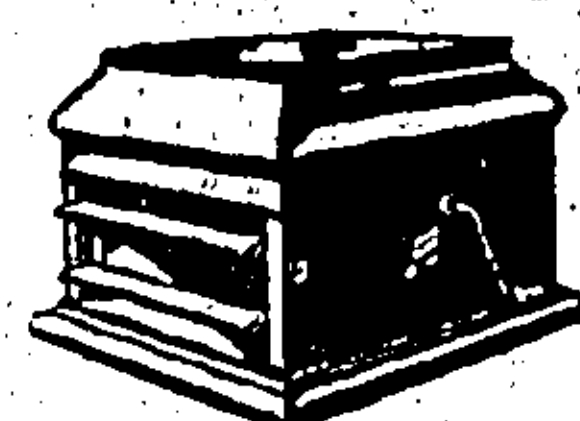
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THE PARTNERSHIP ORDINANCE No. 1 OF 1897.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that WILLIAM ADAMSON lately a Partner in the Firm of SHEWAN, TOMES & COMPANY, whose Principal Place of Business is at the Colony of Hong Kong, RETIRED from Partnership in the said Firm on the 29th Day of FEBRUARY, 1928, and as from that Date All His Interest therein CEASED.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
W. ADAMSON. [5947]

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that THE THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 2, Lower ALBERT ROAD, on SATURDAY, 10th MARCH, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the Year ending DECEMBER, 1927; declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to 10th MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
M. MANUK,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 29th Feb., 1928. [5915]

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, 2, O. BUILDING, on FRIDAY, 16th MARCH, 1928, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st DECEMBER, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd MARCH, 1928, to 16th MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1928. [5924]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 5th, GEORGE'S BUILDING, CHATER ROAD, VICTORIA, HONG KONG, on WEDNESDAY, the 21st Day of MARCH, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 13th MARCH, 1928, until WEDNESDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 1st March, 1928. [5943]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

EXTRA RACE MEETINGS.

EXTRA RACE MEETINGS have been fixed provisionally for the following Dates:—

17th MARCH,
7th and 8th APRIL,
26th and 27th MAY,
23rd JUNE,
6th and 8th OCTOBER,
10th NOVEMBER,
1st DECEMBER.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 28th Feb., 1928. [5937]

ROYAL HONG KONG YACHT CLUB.

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OWNERS are hereby informed that the above Race will be Resailed on SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd, Preparatory and Starting Guns at Usual Times.

By Order,
J. R. L. STANTON,
Hon. Secy. Sailing Committee.
[5945]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1927, at the Rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is payable on and after the 27th FEBRUARY, 1928, at the Office of the Corporation where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1928. [5923]

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

WE have THIS DAY REMOVED to No. 5, DUDDELL STREET, GEORGE'S BUILDING, DE SOUSA & CO., LTD.
Hong Kong, Feb. 29th, 1928. [5941]

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANDREW HARPER & SON have Ceased to be the Authorised Dealers of this Company for HONG KONG and SOUTH CHINA as from the 1st Day of JANUARY, 1928.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that WALLACE HARPER & CO., LTD., have been appointed Our Authorised Dealers for HONG KONG and SOUTH CHINA as from the 1st Day of FEBRUARY, 1928.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY.

[5921]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate No. 5/NS 4923 dated Hong Kong, 2nd OCTOBER, 1917, for One Share of this Bank Numbered 54989 in the Name of MA LO K WONG CHUN has been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 13th MARCH, 1928, a New Certificate for the Share will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 5/NS 4923 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th Feb., 1928. [5880]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received Instructions

To Sell By

PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

AND THURSDAY,

THE 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH MARCH, 1928,
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Hong Kong, 21st Feb., 1928. [5901]

INTIMATIONS.

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

THE Undersigned, going Home on Leave, begs to inform that Mr. LESTOS has been appointed Local Agent of the COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES with effect from the 26th INSTANT.

(Sgd.) J. LIMAGE, Agent. [5830]

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F. H. CRAPNELLE, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1928. [5917]

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. A. RAHIM and Mr. and Mrs. Y. A. WAHAB wish to express their warmest thanks to their relatives and friends for their attendance at the funeral, floral tributes and letters of condolence in their recent and bereavement. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. B. E. HOARE, Superintendent of the Comopolitan Docks, for their kind and valuable aid during the deceased's illness. [311]

Hong Kong Office: 11, Ice House Street.

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, MARCH 2nd, 1928.

WELCOME TO MARSHAL LI TSAI HSIN.

Hong Kong will accord a very cordial welcome to Marshal Li Tsai Hsin and to the other distinguished officials from Canton to-day for every section of the community is unfeignedly delighted at the re-establishment of friendly relations between the two ports which this visit portends. Hong Kong has always desired to work in

co-operation with its neighbour, and through the series of functions arranged in honour of the members of the Kwangtung Government it will endeavour to show its appreciation of the fact that Marshal Li's policy has made such co-operation once again possible. Every one sincerely hopes that the visit of Marshal Li to Hong Kong and the return visit which H.E. THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG is due shortly to make to Canton will mark the beginning of a new era of prosperity for South China.

But it must be remembered, as several merchants have been quick to point out to us, that the resumption of friendly co-operation between the Governments does not necessarily imply an immediate trade revival. Profitable trade is impossible when there is ill-feeling between the two communities, but it does not follow that such trade, in large volume, is certain as soon as the ill-feeling has been removed. That is a point which must be borne in mind. It will serve to check undue optimism and prevent disappointment if all hopes are not at once realised. The significance of the official exchange of courtesies is that in future, a fair field is to be guaranteed for legitimate commercial enterprise. That certainly is a great step forward and will mean a renewal of confidence, but even so there are many other factors in the commercial situation which must be taken into consideration. It is essential that peace should be maintained, that steps be taken to suppress the bandits who now infest the countryside, that the currency problem should be faced and an opportunity given to the people of the South to make good the ravages which three years of turmoil have occasioned. The Canton Treasury is not overflowing and yet additional burdens of taxation upon an already impoverished population must be avoided. It will be seen that the task lying before Marshal Li is not an easy one, but we do not think it is by any means impossible. The recuperative powers of the Cantonese are proverbial and given a reasonable chance the people will soon show that they have lost none of the initiative and acumen required in trade development. And it is this reasonable chance which, judging from his public utterances, Marshal Li has now determined that they shall have. He is gathering around him men of ability whatever their former political affiliations may have been, and with these to help him a Government should be formed which should stand as a model of efficiency for the rest of China. We believe that the Marshal is enforcing as a *sine qua non* of service under his banner that an official shall avoid political intrigue and devote his whole energies to the particular task of administration with which he is entrusted. It is in that belief that we welcome Marshal Li very heartily to this Colony for there is no doubt that such a policy faithfully pursued will bring contentment and prosperity to the South, and eventually, we trust, through the force of example, effect a very substantial improvement in the political condition of China as a whole.

One Chinese case of enteric was reported on Wednesday.

Mrs. E. Ralphs will distribute the prizes at the Central British School, Kowloon, on Thursday March 8th.

Mr. R. C. Tredwell will speak on personal experiences in Russian Turkistan, at the Helena May Institute on Monday, March 5th, at 5.30 p.m.—Adv.

The rebuilding of certain parts of the Sun Company's premises starts next week and a rearrangement of the departments has already been made.

The Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Ltd., announce that, owing to faulty cable connection, telegrams to and from Shanghai and beyond will be subject to abnormal delay.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. George Sinclair Redger, 8, Fung Fai Terrace, Hong Kong, and Miss Gladys Mary Ramsay, 8, Highburg Terrace, Kowloon Dock.

A Sanitary Board coolie was hit on the head with a chopper by another coolie and the injuries to his scalp necessitated his removal to hospital. His assailant has escaped.

The St. Stephen's Girls' College will hold their annual speech-day this evening at 8 p.m., when the prizes won by successful candidates will be distributed by Mrs. Mok Kai Sang.

Miss Liang Mei Kwen, daughter of Mr. Liang Chong, one of the founders of the Wing On Co., will be married to Mr. Edmund Kwok at Shanghai on March 14th. Mr. Kwok is the son of Mr. J. Kwok Lock, managing director of Wing On Co. at Shanghai. Both families are well-known in the Colony.

A debate on the motion that "The Cinema exerts a great influence on public opinion than the Press," will be held at the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club on Monday at 8.30 p.m. The speakers will be Messrs. P. Sands and G. S. Zimmerman for the motion, and Mr. H. G. Hughes and Mrs. W. Faid for the opposition.

For attempting to embark on the "Star Ferry" at Kowloon after the gate was closed and assaulting the employee, a Chinese was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday morning but failed to put in an appearance. As the defendant could not be found at the address given, the case was adjourned for one week.

Among the passengers for Hong Kong arriving yesterday by the P. & O. s.s. *Montevideo* from Southampton were Mr. and Mrs. Sellars and infant, Mr. H. Owen Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Hickling, Mrs. Ralphs wife of Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools in the Colony, and their child and Mr. C. A. Middleton Smith, of the Engineering Faculty of the Hong Kong University.

That in making the world Christian, emphasis should be laid on winning individuals, rather than on changing wrong conditions," will form the subject of a debate on Tuesday, March 6th, at 8 p.m. at the Cathedral Hall. The Rev. J. K. Macdonald, M.A., and Mr. A. E. Lea will speak for the affirmative, and the opposition will be led by the Rev. H. V. Koop, M.A., and Mr. Geo. S. Zimmerman.

In the Garrison Theatre of Mount Austin Barracks, yesterday evening, a most delightful entertainment was provided by the staff and pupils of the Garrison School. There was a large audience, and the programme submitted—mainly by girls and boys whose ages ranged from four to fourteen years—was truly excellent. The youthful performers contributed songs and dances and a playlet entitled "The Little Man in the Moon" in a manner that was practically faultless and which reflected much credit upon themselves and those who had trained them. Such an entertainment might well be repeated in the City Hall or some other place in the Colony where an opportunity would be given for an even larger audience than yesterday's to enjoy it. The proceeds were for the Ministering Children's League (Military Branch).

PROPERTY SALE.

"FUNG SHUI" WITHDRAWN FROM SALE.

A valuable piece of leasehold property in the Peak district with a dwelling-house thereon known as "Fung Shui" was put up for auction yesterday at the auction room of Messrs. Hughes and Hough. Bidding started at \$10,000 and was eventually raised to \$25,000.

Meeting with no further bids after this figure had been reached, the auctioneers declared that the property could not be sold as the reserve price had not been reached.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 7.02 p.m., stated:—

The Japanese depression has passed into the Pacific. Gradients remain shallow, throughout the area.

Local Forecast:—Light variable winds, fair generally, with fog or mist.

ADRIFT OFF THE ANAMBAS.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER'S PERIL.

BROKEN PROPELLER SHAFT IN HEAVY WEATHER.

SINGAPORE, Feb. 21th.

When the Norwegian steamer *Produce* arrived at Singapore in the early hours of this morning, towed by the Hamburg American ship *Oldenburg*, a thrilling story was told of the rescue of a ship which was drifting helplessly towards the Anamba Islands, off the east coast of the Peninsula, in rough north-east monsoon weather.

"The *Produce*, which is a steamer of 750 tons net, left Singapore on Tuesday and encountered rough weather after passing the Horsburg Light. The storm continued, and the propeller shaft broke.

A Serious Situation.

The ship was then in a very serious situation. She was not fitted with wireless, and she was twelve miles off Pulau Mangki, in the Anamba group, with a strong current towards the islands. High seas were running, the wind was strong, and visibility was bad owing to rain.

The people on board the *Produce* spent a very anxious hour, and were greatly relieved when at midday they sighted the *Oldenburg*. The latter ship saw that the *Produce* was in trouble and made towards her until she was near enough to see the distress signals on the *Produce*.

Owing to the state of the sea it was two hours before a tow-line could be got on board eventually, but Capt. O. Hensen, of the *Oldenburg*, after unsuccessfully towing a lifeboat with a light rope attached to it across the *Produce's* bows, managed to connect up with the other ship eventually, the crew of the *Produce* lowering their motor-boat—a sufficiently difficult feat under the circumstances—and picking up the lifeboat.

The "Oldenburg" 60 Miles Off Her Course.

A wire tow-rope was then brought on board, and the *Oldenburg*, which was headed for Singapore from Manila, resumed her voyage at a speed of five and a half knots an hour. A tow-rope a hundred yards in length was necessary and the vessels arrived at four this morning, and anchored in the outer roads. The *Produce* will go into dry dock for repairs later.

The Norwegian ship had a very narrow escape, because, with the current running at two and a half miles an hour and the strong wind, she might have been wrecked on the Anambas in five hours' time, and if it had not been for the fact that the *Oldenburg* was sixty miles off her course, also owing to this current, the *Produce* might never have been sighted at all.—*Straits Times*.

30 ENTRIES FOR KOWLOON MARATHON.

SERVICES SUPPLY ALL BUT FIVE.

The entries for the Kowloon Marathon which is to be run on the 5th March closed yesterday evening. There are 30 competitors in all, including Pte. Cranston, K.O.S.B., last year's winner. The Services have generously responded, and have supplied no less than 25 competitors. The K.O.S.B. top the list with 12 entries followed by the Navy with 10. The R.A.M.C. have entered two runners and there is one entry from the Royal Artillery. So far no entries have been received from the Scots Guards.

The possible favourites for the Navy are Messrs. Gawn and Bone, while two Naval Lieutenants have also entered for the race.

The prizes which have so kindly been presented by Mr. R. M. Dyer, B.Sc., M.I.N.A., Mr. W. S. Bailey and Mr. E. Cock, M.B.E., M.I.N.A., are to be seen at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's window and

200,000 WESTERN EXPEDITIONARY TROOPS.

JOINING SOUTH AGAINST NORTH.
GENERAL LI CHUNG JEN GOING TO HANKOW
REGARDING THEIR LEADERSHIP.

MARSHAL CHIANG KAI SHEK TO VISIT SHANGHAI.

200,000 TROOPS AS CHIANG'S "FIRST GROUP."

OPERATIONS SOON TO COMMENCE IN TIENTSIN-PUKOW RAILWAY AREA.

As further evidence of the Kuomintang's determination to prosecute their campaign against the Fengtienese with the utmost possible vigour at their command, negotiations are proceeding to include the "Western Expeditionary Troops," numbering 200,000, within their ranks. These troops appear to be Hupeh men with Hankow as their headquarters. General Li Chung Jen is proceeding to Hankow shortly with regard to the leadership of the troops.

Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, who is leaving Nanking within a few days for Shanghai, is stated to have another 200,000 troops at his command in the 1st Group Army.

Marshal Sun Chuan Fang, who is virtually head of Shanghai, left Tientsin for Tsinan on the 27th ultimo.

"WESTERN EXPEDITIONARY TROOPS."

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 1st.
General Li Chung Jen will shortly proceed to Hankow, under the orders of the Nanking Government, and for the purpose of making arrangements with the Hankow leader to head the "Western Expeditionary troops" to participate in the northern expedition.

In an interview at Nanking, General Li said that he had been discussing financial problems in connection with the coming expedition with Mr. T. V. Soong, the Nanking Financial Minister. He asserted that the Hankow Army assigned to move towards the Kiang-Han Railway zone numbered 200,000.

NORTHERN LEADER OFF TO TSINAN.

(Wah Tai Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 1st.
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BANDITS ATTACK BRITISH LIGHTERS.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

CHENGKUN, Feb. 20th.
British lighters anchored in shallow water in Tung Ting Lake were attacked by unnamed bandits on February 20th. It is reported that a small guard from a Chinese gunboat has been sent to protect them.

Li Chun Yey To Confer With Kwangsi Party.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

HANKOW, Feb. 20th.
Li Chun Yey is expected to arrive shortly to confer with the Kwangsi party.

ANGLO-EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATIONS.

TREATY OF ALLIANCE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Feb. 29th.
It is understood that the Egyptian Premier Sarwat Pasha has now laid before his Cabinet the results of his conversations in London with Sir Austen Chamberlain. The purpose of these conversations was to substitute for the unilateral declaration of 1922, which now governs the relations of the two countries, a treaty of alliance between Great Britain and Egypt.

The Egyptian press contains inaccurate and misleading forecasts of the draft treaty which should only be accepted with the utmost reserve pending the laying of papers relating to the conversations which Sir Austen Chamberlain has promised to Parliament at the earliest possible moment.

What Cairo Newspapers Declare.

CAIRO, March 1st.
The newspapers declare that the British proposals are unacceptable and predict an early rejection. Simultaneously they emphasize that the failure to reach an agreement does not mean a break, but that the situation will remain as before the conversations.

NEW ELDORADO IN SOUTH AFRICA.

"RICHEST DIAMOND FIELD EVER DISCOVERED ANYWHERE."

DIAMONDS HAND-PICKED ON THE SURFACE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Cape Town, March 1st.
The apparently unimportant item of "diamond development" caused a first class debate in the Assembly, in the course of which interesting details were given of the romantic discovery of a fabulously rich alluvial deposit of diamonds in Alexander Bay at the mouth of the Orange River, which was first disclosed last December.

Sir David Harris described the new El Dorado as the richest diamond field ever discovered anywhere, and questions elicited the information that the diamonds are lying on the surface and only need picking up.

The Government owns 100 claims from whence experts have extracted 210,000 worth of diamonds in a few weeks by hand-picking. The Government proposes that 60 Namaqualand diggers work the fields on behalf of the State. Minister Byers emphasised that the Government would control the output.

The Opposition, led by General Smuts, deprecated the principle of state diggings involved. The debate is proceeding.

ECHO OF THE FRANCES SCANDAL.

MR. J. D. GREGORY'S THANKS.

"SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT" RECEIVED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 1st.
The following appears in the social column of the newspapers to-day:—
"Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gregory wish to express their gratitude to friends and late colleagues for innumerable letters and tokens of sympathy and support, which they will answer as soon as possible."

MEXICO'S OIL.

THE FOREIGN CONCESSIONS.

QUESTION OF CONFIRMATION.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MEXICO CITY, March 1st.
The Government has extended till next January 1st the date for foreign oil companies to apply for confirmatory concessions of oil lands and rights acquired before May, 1917.

PORTUGUESE PLOT.

POLITICAL CRIMINALS ARRESTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LISBON, Feb. 29th.
Following the discovery of a bomb in the railway works at Barreiro, the police have made thirteen arrests, and have unearthed quantities of bombs and war material, including rifles, and dumdum bullets. The police have captured the North Portugal gangsters who are alleged to have been responsible for the shooting of two policemen who were investigating the activities of a suspected party of conspirators. The police have also arrested numerous alleged Communists.

COL. LINDBERGH.

RECEIVES ANOTHER PRIZE.

THE WOODROW WILSON AWARD.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, March 1st.
Yet another distinction has been conferred on Col. Lindbergh, the Woodrow Wilson award being conferred on him for his "Goodwill" flight to Central and South America. It consists of a medal and \$25,000.

"LOS ANGELES" IN CUBA.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29th.
The dirigible, Los Angeles, has arrived at Guanahayaba Bay, Cuba.

AIR SPEED RECORD.

BRITISH ATTEMPT SHORTLY.

300 MILES HOURLY ANTICIPATED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, March 1st.

An attempt to establish a new air speed record, using a Super-Marine Napier Lion S type seaplane, will probably be made by Flight-Lieut. Kirkendall next week.

The machine is now being assembled at Calshot, Southampton water, and will afterwards undergo testing.

It is anticipated that over 300 miles an hour will be attained.

CAVELL FILM.

TO BE SHOWN IN PARIS.

FOREIGN PRESSMEN TO BE ASKED TO VOTE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, March 1st.
The producer of the Cavell film has arranged to show it at the Champs Elysee Theatre to foreign pressmen, including British. Special trains and boat will be run for the British pressmen, and all will be asked to vote as to the desirability of public presentation.

BIG LANCASHIRE AMALGAMATION.

ONE HUNDRED COTTON MILLS AFFECTED.

THE COST OF PRODUCTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 29th.
A scheme for the amalgamation of a hundred of the Lancashire cotton mills, in order to reduce costs of production, is said to be nearing fruition.

Alternative schemes, says the Financial News, are one large combine or a series of combines aiming at the standardisation of production on a massed basis in a manner similar to that appertaining in Japan.

The project at the outset will not be on an extensive scale, but as the benefits are realised there will be a general disposition on the part of the weaker concerns to join the movement.

The scheme is based on the conviction of the necessity for complete reorganisation of the capital of the American section of the industry, entailing common sacrifices from the top to the bottom.

"Manchester Guardian's" Comment.

LONDON, March 1st.
"Ridiculous exaggeration," says the Manchester Guardian, commenting on the report of the scheme for the amalgamation of 100 spinning mills in the American section of the cotton trade. The Guardian declares that there is no evidence to suggest any large combination of mills about to be completed, but that "it can, however, be said without disclosure of the discussions, which naturally are tentative and exploratory, that practical attention is being given to the method by which amalgamation may be achieved with success. Any such movement obviously will depend on how far the mills themselves prove responsive."

U.S. MARINES CAUGHT IN AMBUSH.

4 KILLED, 9 WOUNDED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

MANAGUA, Feb. 29th.
United States Marines conducting a pack-train through the jungle were ambushed by a band of General Sandino's followers to-day, and four Marines were killed and nine wounded. The encounter occurred in the heart of the jungle. Thirty-six Marines were in charge of a pack-train of eighty animals carrying supplies. They were taken completely by surprise by the Sandino followers, who lined both sides of the trail and opened fire with rifles and machine-guns.

The wounded were taken to Managua by aeroplanes, which were sent to the scene immediately the news came through.

LINDBERGH AGAIN HONOURED.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' GOLD MEDAL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29th.
The House of Representatives has unanimously passed an appropriation of \$1,500 to provide for a gold medal for presentation to Col. Lindbergh, the famous Trans-Atlantic flier.

The House also voted in favour of the coinage and sale of a number of bronze duplicates.

THAMES RIVERSIDE DISTRICT.

GUARDING AGAINST FLOOD REPETITION.

COMPREHENSIVE SCHEME.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, March 1st.

A comprehensive scheme to guard against the possibility of a repetition of the January flood disaster in the riverside districts of London has been approved by a conference of the public authorities interested.

The scheme imposes upon the London County Council the duty of supervising the flood defence works within the County of London and institutes an effective system of warnings and of keeping watch when high tides are imminent.

SAMOA'S "ILLEGAL POLICE."

400 SENT TO PRISON.

INTIMIDATION CHARGES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WELLINGTON, March 1st.
Four hundred members of the Samoan illegal Man police force have been sentenced at Apia to six months' imprisonment on a charge of intimidating other natives who dealt with European shopkeepers.

THE FRANCES SCANDAL.

HOUSE OF COMMONS' DEBATE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 29th.
The Foreign Office scandal and the action taken by the Government following the Board of Inquiry's report are not to be immediately forgotten.

Mr. Baldwin undertook to find at least half a day to discuss in the Commons the report of the Civil Service's fringes inquiry, at the request of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, who asked that the House be given an opportunity of associating itself with the Government's action thereon.

Mr. MacDonald further asked the Premier to institute an enquiry into the issues raised owing to the reopening of the Zinovieff letter affair. Mr. MacDonald feeling that the position in which it was left by the report was very incomplete.

THE CAVELL FILM.

GERMANY DENIES DRAMATIC VERSION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Feb. 29th.
The Government has issued an official statement on the Cavell war film, which declares that Nurse Cavell was shot by a platoon of soldiers and died instantaneously. It flatly denies the statement—illustrated or indicated in the film—that one soldier refused to fire and that the officer in charge shot her with a revolver.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY.

SIR H. RUMBOLD'S APPOINTMENT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Feb. 29th.
The King has approved the appointment of Sir Horace Rumbold, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Madrid, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Berlin. Sir Horace Rumbold was Charge d'Affaires in Berlin at the outbreak of war.

The newspapers have expressed satisfaction with the appointment of a diplomatist who has had so long and distinguished a career in Berlin. The opinion is expressed that his previous knowledge of Germany will enable him to consolidate the friendly relations which have been the object of Lord D'Abernon and Sir Ronald Lindsay's predecessors.

BRITISH ARMY ESTIMATES FOR 1928.

MEMORANDUM BY WAR SECRETARY.

MEN, MONEY, MACHINES AND RESEARCH.

RETRENCHMENT EFFECTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Sir L. Worthington-Evans, Secretary of State for War, has issued a Memorandum relating to the British Army Estimates for 1928. Reuter has sent a summary of this important document, from which it will be seen what is proposed with regard to the Army for the current year.

The Memorandum.

LONDON, March 1st.
Sir L. Worthington-Evans, War Secretary, in a Memorandum on the Army Estimates says that the principal changes in organisation proposed for 1928 include the extension and modernisation of cavalry begun in 1927 to Regiments in Egypt and India, the reorganisation of the Footguards and Infantry Battalions to comprise three instead of four Rifle Companies with an addition of a Machine Gun Company instead of a Machine Gun Platoon, also that an Anti-Tank Section be included in the headquarters wing of each battalion.

The reorganisation of the Tank Corps Battalions to comprise three companies of each consisting of three sections of five tanks instead of four sections of four tanks. Nevertheless the number of tanks in each battalion will remain at 52.

Army Reserve.

The Army Reserve of 53,000 shows an increase of about 3,000. It is anticipated that there will be an increase of 13,000 in the coming year in the Supplementary Reserve of approximately 15,800; territorial 8,824 officers and 132,323 of other ranks, an increase of 64 and a decrease of 7,439, respectively, regarding which the War Secretary points out that the substitution of the proficiency grant for a training bounty has led to a falling off in recruiting this Spring, "but that later figures show an improvement."

INDIA'S BUDGET.

BIG IMPROVEMENT.

STATEMENT BY SIR B. BLACKETT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

New Delhi, February 29th.

Sir Basil Blackett, the Government Finance Minister, introducing the Budget at the Legislative Assembly, said that the financial year 1927-28 showed a net improvement of fourteen lakhs over the revised estimates.

Prices were stable and the trade figures effectively reflected the advantages of the stabilisation of the rupee. The income from taxes for the year 1927-28 was disappointing. It had shown a falling off of 13 lakhs. Salt was worse by 25 lakhs, but the railway contribution had increased by 88 lakhs. Military expenditure remained unchanged, the savings accruing as the result of the day patch of troops to China having been used for urgent expenditure on modernisation.

The total expenditure was 12,774 lakhs, and the total revenue the same figure.

Sir Basil pointed out that the quotations of Government securities in India and London, and the success of the sterling loan demonstrated the improvement of India's credit. "At the present rate of progress the unproductive debt would vanish in twelve years."

The Budget did not involve new taxation, and it was not proposed to further reduce present taxation.

GERMAN PROPOSALS AT GENEVA.

THE PREVENTION OF WAR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

GENEVA, February 29th.

The League Committee on Security and Arbitration discussed for over three hours to-day the German suggestions for the prevention of war.

The German proposals include, *inter alia*, that States undertake in advance to carry out the recommendations of the Council of the League, to prevent aggravation and the extension of disputes.

Lord Cusheford criticised the suggestion, while M. Paul Benicour favoured them with certain reservations. The matter was finally adjourned until the next Session of the Committee, and, in the meantime, the German suggestion will be submitted to the various Governments.

No Army Manoeuvres This Year.

There will be no Army Manoeuvres in 1928 but regulars will carry out divisional training. The announcement of the continuance of the programme for the accommodation of troops in Egypt and the progress to be made in military defence works required in connection with the Singapore Base.

As regards research, he says there has been considerable advance in the provision of armoured fighting vehicles and that increasing numbers of six-wheeled lorries have been introduced and that the number of medium and light tanks will be increased in certain cavalry units and will be supplied with armoured cars. All medium artillery will be mechanised and experiments are progressing with the new gun for the Horse Artillery; also with a new field Howitzer. "Important modifications in the designs of all has been achieved."

Troops' Health in China.

Dealing with the troops' health Sir L. Worthington-Evans is of opinion that the absence of sickness among the troops despatched to China was remarkable "in view of the climatic and other conditions of their service."

The Estimates For 1928.

The Army Estimates for 1928 amount to the 'net' sum of £41,050,000 or £315,000 less than in 1927.

No provision is made for extra troops in China for which a Supplementary Estimate is being presented.

The strength of the British Army inclusive of British troops in India is 133,800, a decrease of 13,000 and approximately 2,500 below the establishment, as the result of a falling off in recruiting in 1927.

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

QUESTION OF RECOGNITION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Feb. 29th.

The Foreign Secretary was asked in the House of Commons whether in view of the banishment of M. Zinovieff's left wing element from the Government of Russia the British Government would consider the question of recognition of the Soviet Government. Sir Austen Chamberlain said that nothing had occurred since that incident to justify the British Government in considering the resumption of diplomatic relations. Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked if he had seen the speech by M. Rykov saying that the Russian Government were prepared to give the guarantees required by the British Government regarding interference in British affairs.

Sir Austen replied that he had not, but if the Soviet wished to give assurance of that kind they could do so in the proper manner through diplomatic channels, and those assurances would be considered.

OBITUARY.

ADMIRAL SIR C. LAMBERT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 1st.

The death is announced of Admiral Sir Cecil Lambert. [Admiral Lambert, who was born in 1864, served in Egypt in 1882, was 4th Sea Lord 1913-19; Director of Personnel, Air Ministry 1919-21 and additional member Air Council 1920-21.]

MARSHAL DIAZ.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ROME, Feb. 26th.

The death has occurred of Marshal Diaz, the Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Army.

[Marshal Armando Diaz was born at Naples on December 5th, 1859, and was educated at the Military Academy, Turin. He served in the Libyan War in 1912 and also in the European War. Marshal Diaz had been Commander-in-Chief of the Italian Army since 1917. He was a son of Ludovico Diaz and the Baroness Irene Cecconi.]

LAWN TENNIS.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP STARTS.

CASSUMBOY'S GREAT FIGHT WITH HONDA.

LIEUT. HALE WINS.

An exciting struggle marked the opening of the Open Singles Championship of the Colony yesterday on the Hong Kong Cricket Club courts when Honda, ex-champion and one of the favourites for honours this year, had to draw upon his full reserves in order to win four matches in all were decided. Conditions were not conducive to good tennis, a heavy ground and dull atmosphere preventing the players from producing their best form. Nevertheless keen competition was seen throughout and a good number of enthusiasts turned up to watch the matches.

The match of the day was played on the principal court between T. Honda and J. Cassumbhoy. Cassumbhoy who lost in straight sets without much opposition to the same opponent last year, not only put up a better performance, as expected, but also distinguished himself by carrying Honda to five sets before yielding. Cassumbhoy played with much spirit yesterday and often had the Japanese Champion in difficulties. He worked his way well up to the net and effected many smart kills there. He showed much improvement on his play of last year, but appeared excitable at critical stages. Honda's display was not as convincing as expected. He showed, however, remarkable coolness when losing in the final set, and pulled the match out of the fire by breaking up his opponent's game.

The Play.

Both players began shakily but Honda's experience soon began to tell and he carried the score to 6-3 in his favour in the first set. But Cassumbhoy by dint of aggressiveness actually won the next four games for the set, being deservedly applauded by the spectators. Honda soon evened up matters by breaking a weak spot in his opponent's backhand. He took the second set at 6-1 and went on to annex the third at 6-3. Both struggled keenly for the fourth set, the end of which was most exciting. At 3-3 Cassumbhoy broke away to a lead of 5-3. Honda made an effort to pull up but after winning the ninth failed to hold his opponent who made the score two sets all. The excitement continued in the final set in which Cassumbhoy won the first and second games, but Honda struck his form at that critical stage and completely outplayed his opponent winning six consecutive games for the match.

Lieut. Hale's Debut.

Lieut. Hale, who made his debut into the local championship, proved to be much too strong for T. Fujieda and won easily in straight sets. He showed himself to be a formidable all round player with strong strokes which had some kick behind them. He is a player who is not easy to beat. Lieut. Hale next meets T. Isonura on the 6th inst. The latter scored a surprising victory over T. Yamada in an inter-community tie in four sets. The match was a long drawn out struggle and the soft ground conditions did not suit Yamada's style of play.

K. T. San's Success.

In the fourth match, K. T. San another newcomer beat T. Ema comfortably and thus qualifies to meet Honda in the second round. San comes with a reputation for the Straits and is an active and aggressive player who prescribes his advantage by gaining the net. His style is somewhat cramped, however, and he would improve a great deal by hitting the ball a little further away from his body.

Seven Games Down For To-day.

One other match was also played in the Handicap Singles. To-day no less than seven matches are down for decision in the Open Singles and prominent opponents such as Ng Sze Kwong, A. D. Humphreys, Rev. F. W. Alexander, Ho Ka Lau and H. D. Rumbach are among those who will take part.

Yesterday's results were as follows:

Open Singles.

T. Honda beat J. Cassumbhoy 6-7, 6-1, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

K. T. San beat T. Ema 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

T. Isonura beat T. Yamada 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.

J. Hale beat T. Fujieda 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.

Handicap Singles "B."

W. A. Stewart (rec. 15/1) beat M. M. Watson (rec. 15) 6-2, 7-5.

Handicap Singles "A."

S. E. Green (own 15/3) w.o. from S. M. Garrard (rec. 16).

TODAY'S MATCHES.

Open Singles.

Ng Sze Kwong v. Cheng Chi Wing.

Ng Sze Cheung v. A. D. Humphreys.

F. J. Remedios v. Lim Peng Chin.

Rev. F. W. Alexander v. H. R. Trumper.

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HOME FOOTBALL.

F.A. AND SCOTTISH CUP MATCHES.

TO-MORROW'S PROGRAMME.

Interest in football at Home to-morrow will chiefly rest in the sixth round of the Football Association Cup and fourth round of the Scottish Cup matches. The League programme has consequently been curtailed with the exception of the two sections in Division III.

Stoke City and Nottingham Forest are the only Second Division teams in the F.A. Cup competition, and it seems very doubtful whether they will survive. Both play on away ground. Notts Forest, winners of the trophy on one former occasion (1907-08 season) are opposed by Sheffield United, who have won the Cup several times and three seasons ago beat Cardiff City, the present holders, in the final. Stoke City meet Arsenal, last season's runners-up. Tottenham Hotspur are visitors to Huddersfield, the present League leaders, and the fight should be a hard one.

Important on the list of the Scottish Cup matches is the encounter between Motherwell, leaders in the First Division of the League, and Celtic, holders of the trophy. The challenge is played at home.

The survivors of the F.A. and Scottish Cup matches enter the semi-finals to be played on March 11th.

The Cup-ties and League fixtures for to-morrow are appended, also the table results of several League games played on Wednesday.

F.A. CUP.

Sixth Round.

Blackburn v. Manchester United. Sheffield U. v. Notts Forest. Huddersfield v. Tottenham H. Arsenal v. Stoke City.

SCOTTISH CUP.

Fourth Round.

Aldon Rovers v. Rangers. Motherwell v. Celtic. Queen's Park v. Partick. Dunfermline v. Hibernians.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Bury v. Birmingham. Liverpool v. Bolton W. Portsmouth v. Cardiff City. West Ham v. Everton.

Division II.

Fulham v. Bristol C. Hull City v. Chelsea. Leeds U. v. Grimsby. Manchester C. v. Blackpool. Port Vale v. Notts County. Preston v. Clapton. South Shields v. Oldham. Swansea v. West Brom A. Wolves v. Southampton.

Division III (Southern).

Bristol v. Norwich. Charlton v. Torquay. Coventry v. Brentford. Gillingham v. Bournemouth. Merthyr v. Southend. Newport v. Luton Town. Plymouth v. Northants. Queen's P.R. v. Crystal P. Swindon Town v. Millwall. Walsall v. Brighton. Watford v. Exeter.

Division III (Northern).

Aberdeen v. Raith Rovers. Bo'ness v. Clyde. St. Johnstone v. Falkirk. Accrington v. Bradford. Bradford City v. Barrow. Crewe v. Tranmere. Darlington v. Chesterfield. Doncaster v. Wrexham. Halifax v. Stockport. Hartlepool v. Rotherham. Lincoln City v. Rochdale. New Brighton v. Nelson. Wigan Boro v. Durham City.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aberdeen v. Raith Rovers. Bo'ness v. Clyde. St. Johnstone v. Falkirk.

LEAGUE MATCH RESULTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Feb. 29th.

In the First Division of the English League, to-day, Bolton Wanderers defeated the Wednesday by two goals to nil.

The Scottish League provided no surprises, though Hamilton gained an unexpectedly big win against the Hibs. The results were:

Clyde 1, Falkirk 1.

Hamilton 4, Hibernians 1.

Kilmarnock 1, Raith 0.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

The finals of the United Services Competition, postponed from Wednesday last, will be played at Soekunpoo to-day.

Kick-off at 2 p.m.

Scots Guards v. H.M.S. Iroquois.

Kick-off at 4 p.m.

K.O.S.B. v. H.M.S. Titania.

Ho Ka Lau v. E. W. Railton.

H. D. Rumbach v. N. Inagaki.

Lieut. R. P. Lonsdale v. Y. Sakji.

Handicap Singles "B."

Lieut. R. P. Lonsdale (own 15) v. H. Spicer (rec. 5/0).

CRICKET NOTES.

DEPRESSING WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Last week-end was pretty horrible. True it was not as bad as some games I have played here, where Arctic Cold has been joined to a blustering gale. It was possible to keep warm—and in fact a long spell at the wickets, I am told, was quite a sudorific. But there was a steady drizzle which was worse in Kowloon than in Hong Kong—sorry—I should say in Victoria!

First League.

I must confess I did not feel absolutely certain that the K.C.C. would manage to win outright. But a great deal hinged on Leach and Mussen. If Leach could play a big innings and Mussen could bowl as well as he did against the Civil Service, a draw was possible. I don't think with their galaxy of batting talent they could have lost. Leach did his stuff all right, but no one stopped save Mussen who got 18. (I apologize for the "Mussen." It's the "comp." It was O.K. in the bowling analysis later.) He seems to have the usual difficulty that all good bats have out here at first. Where things really went wrong was that the ball was so greasy that Mussen could not—I am told—turn it from leg. I gathered he was not finding things too easy as he tried to bowl a bit faster than—so far as I have seen—he usually does. Anyway things went wrong, and that was that.

The Remaining Matches.

So far as I can recollect Kowloon have now to play Indian "B." Chinese Recreation Club, and Civil Service. The first two they should win easily. On form they should beat the Civil Service pretty easily also. I may be wrong but it seems to me that this is their biggest obstacle, and it may well be that a draw will be the result. In fact the whole thing turns on whether that extraordinarily variable factor the Civil Service batting, is going to come off or not. I don't think that, barring out of the way performances, the Civil Service bowling is good enough to rattle out Kowloon for a small score. Even if Bruce and Ramsey don't happen to come off they have the two Finchers and Lysal as useful scorers, while Goodwin and Murray get runs very quickly. It should be quite a good game as it will be played on the Civil Service ground—a distinct help to them—on Saturday, March 10th.

Should Kowloon win all three of these matches their position will be that they have scored full points minus two for their draw against Indians "A." In that case they win the Shield and the result of the University v. Navy match will not matter.

If, however, they should draw one or two of the three matches the result of the Navy-Varsity game will have a very great bearing on University, if they win, will score full points minus three, and if they draw full points minus five. I am, however, by no means certain that they may not be beaten. The game takes place to-morrow on the R.N. O. Sports Ground at King's Park and I hope to witness what should be a very good game. The Navy have, at the moment of writing, a very useful side out, consisting of Lieut. Dale, Lieut. Hunt, R.M., Lieut. Heald, Lieut. Davies, Lieut. Walker, Lieut. Cecil, Pay-Lieut. Comdr. Shaw, Surgeon-Lieut. Bingham, Sergt. Lugg, Tel. Hill, and Sparrow. The latter (I cannot for the life of me recollect his rank and rating at the moment) is probably their best bowler, with Shaw, Lugg, Hill and Dale to help. Walker is the new Navy wicket-keeper and I am told he is very good. The batting is variable. If Dale gets a move on, the score should be a big one. I have not seen enough of the University bowlers to say what they do when someone starts hitting them, but I have an idea they will fall back on that short stuff on the off, of which I do not think much.

A Farewell.

It is, I think, the first match for a couple of years in which the Rev. Venn's name is absent from the Navy side. That most indelible of cricketers and most sporting of Padres sails for home to-morrow, and he will carry with him the best wishes of his multitude of cricketing friends. He has been quite an institution in local cricket and I do not know of any wicket keeper out here for many years who took leg balls so well as he did.

Second League.

As was to be expected I think the Civil Service lost to K.C.C. II, although playing on their own ground. Overy had another day out and scored 67 for 40 out of a total 192. Grimmer and Patterson did well for the Civil Service but the rest of the batting was poor. For Kowloon Capt. Reynolds—I rather think a new-comer but I speak subject to correction—got 47 and Buxton 36 out of a total of 148 for 8 wickets. The Electric did well to draw with Navy II. The score looks as if the batting of the Navy was a bit sticky and Majendie held on too long. Anyway the Electric lasted (Continued on next Column.)

GOAL-KICKING.

ALMOST A LOST ART IN RUGBY.

[By H. P. MARSHALL.]

"Yes," said the man who played for England thirty years ago "You're making a great song and dance about Richardson's goal-kicking, aren't you? And a good kick he is, but in my time we should have thought nothing about him. He would have been expected to convert tries, while you seem to think it remarkable if he does."

He went on to tell me of his arrival in Swansea to play against Wales in the nineties, when he was greeted with the news on the morning of the match that W. J. Bancroft was up on the ground kicking goals from all over the field. And he kicked them from all over the field during the game, for Wales won by over twenty clear points.

There is a moral in that story, for our failure to-day—and I think the goal-kicking of most club teams may be said to fail far too often—is due solely to idleness.

We do not take the trouble to practice, and without practice it is impossible to kick goals with certainty. We need to take thought about the whole problem of kicking. How often now do we see a dropped goal successfully attempted? There have been plenty of miserable shots in the games I have watched, but off-hand I cannot remember a goal being scored.

Dropped Goal's Value.

Some people will rejoice to hear it, for they argue that a dropped goal is generally an individual effort, and that it is therefore inequitable that it should score more points than a try.

Certainly there is nothing more annoying than a drop which goes over—when you have hung on desperately to a hard-earned three-point lead. What player does not know that infuriating moment when he sees an opponent shaping for a drop, but is unable to reach him in time to another kick which by mere jugglery puts the other side ahead? I know that this is a controversial subject, but it does seem to me that a dropped goal should not be worth more than a try. Three points is a fair reward for individual skill, whether that skill has been proved in running or kicking, and I can see no reason why the side which drops a goal should be considered one point better than the side which scores a try.

However, there is the law is the law, and must be obeyed. Since that is so, I wonder why it is that some of our players do not exploit that four points more frequently.

W. J. A. Davies knew the value of a dropped goal, and many a game he pulled out of the fire with his kicking. And in Wales legends have grown up round Albert Jenkins, of Llanelly, who is dangerous anywhere inside his opponents' half.

It is, moreover, obvious that converted tries can win matches, and yet we still bow down and worship when Richardson puts the ball over the cross-bar.

What we want is less worship and more practice, so that, as Omar Khayyam has it: "The ball no question makes of Ayes and Noes, but right or left as strikes the player goes."—Daily Mail.

Friendlies.

The Club seem to be falling on very lean days. Yet once more they failed to raise a full side, though they succeeded with ten men in beating Craigengower comfortably enough. But cricket talent in the Club is rather at a low ebb at the present time, and if Donald Leach they would have fared very poorly in their big holiday matches. Hayward has had a good season with the bat, of course, but one or even two swallows do not make a summer. Fortunately Harry Owen Hughes is returning at once, and surely it is about time some really useful young cricketer got entangled with commerce and sent out here!

The Club Second, who perhaps make up in keen spirit what they lack in brilliant execution put in across the Tamar, who had Venn and Shaw out for them. West's 7 for 81 was an excellent performance, as he was up against some quite good bats.

A weak side of Recreation went down badly to R.A.O.C. but I am informed it was only a friendly match. Mr. W. C. Hung's XI, the Police, was a pretty useful one and was fairly easily successful. The Police, however, were not at full strength.

To-morrow's Games.

I have already discussed the Navy-University match which will be the most interesting fixture to-morrow. Kowloon go down to the C.R.C., if my information is correct, at Causeway Bay. I do not think they will have much trouble in winning, but the Chinese have been known to spring a surprise before.

55 SUES 82 FOR "BREACH."

SNOWDROPS IN SPRING. ROSES IN SUMMER.

SECOND WOMAN AS "CUPID."

A breach of promise action in which the woman was 55 and the man 82 came before Mr. Justice Riggby Swift and a mixed jury at Lancaster Assizes.

Miss Margaret Thomason, a fancy goods dealer, of West End, Great Eccleston, Fylde, sued Mr. James Robinson, a retired stonemason, of Church-street, Silverdale, for damages.

Mr. Jolly, for Miss Thomason, said that the promise of marriage was made when Mr. Robinson was 70.

Mr. Goldie (for the defence): We are still willing to carry out the contract.

Mr. Jolly: So are we. Mr. Justice Swift: Had we better not adjourn and sit in another building which is just outside [the parish church]? If they want a best man and a bridesmaid I am sure Mr. Goldie and you will oblige.

Mr. Jolly: We should be quite willing.

Mr. Jolly said that Mr. Robinson told Miss Thomason he was worth £20,000, having land in Alberta, war bonds, and property at Silverdale.

He could not write, and a Silverdale friend, Mrs. Fleming, wrote letters for him and enclosed them to Miss Thomason.

"Getting Romantic."

Mr. Justice Swift: It is getting more romantic. (Laughter.) Mr. Jolly said that Miss Thomason received a lock of Mr. Robinson's hair and he gave her snowdrops in the spring and roses in the summer.

Correspondence was produced which led Mr. Justice Swift to remark, "Mrs. Fleming was playing the part of Cupid."

Miss Thomason, in evidence, said Mr. Robinson was young looking for his years and an ardent lover. He never came empty-handed, always having eatables or flowers.

The ring was produced to Mr. Justice Swift, who said "Diamonds and rubies."

Mr. Goldie (cross-examining): When has he refused to marry you?—He has not absolutely refused, but he has long enough time to be shaping. (Laughter.)

Shake Men Up.

Did you propose to him?—He told me he would marry me. Ladies have to shake men up sometimes when they are so slow. Mr. Robinson, in evidence, admitted he had had in Canada for which he was asking £4,000. If there had been a quick marriage there would have been a quick marriage.

Mr. Goldie: Would you marry her to-morrow if you could afford to keep a wife?—Yes. Happen before to-night. (Laughter.) Mr. Goldie asked if they walked out.

His Lordship: Ask him if he courted her. When you get to the age of your client, Mr. Goldie, you will know more about these things. (Laughter.)

Mr. Goldie: I have forgotten all I ever knew. (Renewed laughter.)

Mr. Robinson said that he previously altered his will to give Miss Thomason an equal share with his daughter, but he had made another will in which he had left her nothing.

His Lordship: And yet you still say you love her and are ready to marry her.

The jury awarded Miss Thomason £50 damages.

WONDERS OF NEW "LONDON HOTEL."

980 BEDROOMS; NO BELLS OR NOISE.

The new Strand Palace Hotel, the second largest in Europe—it will have 980 bedrooms—will be completed in September of next year.

Here are some of the wonder labour-saving devices it will contain: All bells will be abolished. A system of electric light signalling will do away with noise in the corridors and ensure a more efficient service.

Panel heating in every bedroom will be fitted with independent controls. Five high-speed electric lifts and continuous elevators to bring meals from the kitchens to the bedroom floors will be installed.

A dexter chute will be fitted on all floors, so that residents will be able to post letters without going to the ground floor.

The present system of "pageing" or sending a pageboy round calling out a resident's number, will also be abolished. Instead a "silent electrical inquiry call" will be installed.

THE "CUTTLE-FISH WOMAN."

£1,000 DAMAGES FOR A COLONEL WHOM SHE LIBELLED.

NOVEL OF REVENGE.

"Instead of 'pouring out her soul' she seems more like a cuttlefish, which pours out a volume of inky fluid when it is pursued."

This was one of Mr. Justice Avory's comments on February 2nd on Miss Odette Keun, author of "Princess Tareel." Miss Keun and her publishers and printers were sued for libel by Colonel Earnest Cassel Maxwell, commanding the 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment, and he was awarded £1,000 damages and costs. The judge refused a stay of execution.

Pillory.

Miss Keun, who was described as "a well-known author of Dutch extraction," was arrested and deported from Constantinople during the Allied occupation. She attributed this wrongly to Colonel Maxwell, and, it was suggested, sought to pillory him in her book as "Major Cassel," a man of most immoral character and addicted to abominable practices.

Miss Keun did not appear, and was not represented.

Messrs. Jonathan Cape, in their defence, said they published the book as a work of fiction, denied that the passages complained of referred to Colonel Maxwell, and denied that any defamatory meaning was intended. Messrs. Butler and Tanner, the printers, denied that the matter complained of referred to Colonel Maxwell.

Mr. Justice Avory, summing up, said that if the passages in the book were complained of were a libel on Colonel Maxwell it was a libel of an atrocious character, and one which, if the things charged in the book had been believed of him by any person in authority over him, would have led to the absolute ruin of his Army career, and possibly to his ostracism from society, and certainly from any decent society.

"According to Miss Keun's letters," said the judge, "she did intend to refer to Colonel Maxwell in her book, and to do it out of revenge for a fancied wrong which she had suffered at his hands."

[On the previous day the judge read the beginning of a letter from Miss Keun to Colonel Maxwell: "Well, you damned cur, I am beginning to get even with you at last!"]

"It is really difficult to ascertain the character of this person, the author," added the judge. "The forensic and poetical expression 'pouring out her very soul,' which escaped from Mr. Birkett's lips with regard to her was very inappropriate when one looks at her letters."

"No Soul."

"In one of them she speaks of a person who can have no soul at all. Instead of 'pouring out her soul,' she seems more like a cuttlefish, which pours out a volume of inky fluid when it is pursued."

"In another letter the author said: 'My mother did not give me my Roman blood for nothing.' It was said that letter showed that she was repentant of her intention to put Colonel Maxwell in her book, but in her next letter she wrote: 'I can't help it. I can't forget. I can't really forgive. Now only a passing incident in your career, but you are the man who made me taste injustice and fear in the deadliest way.'"

"Later, referring to her feelings, she said: 'As long as I feel them, you are responsible for them.' Then she said: 'Six years ago I was left by one of my lovers.'"

"One Of Her Lovers."

"You will observe," commented the judge, "that expression 'one of her lovers.' She seems to be a woman who boasts. Referring to this lover she said:—

'I tripped him naked. I made his name a joke from north to south of Algeria. He is only known by a nickname now, and though I did that I hate him now as much as I hated him then. If I had not written that book I would write it again to-day. I may think I forgive, but I don't really. It is the same with you.'"

Mrs. Thelma Trevel, the wife of Captain J. Trevel, stationed at Poona, gave evidence that in 1925, while she was in India, she read "Princess Tareel," and understood the references in the book to "Major Cassel" to apply to Colonel Maxwell.

In cross-examination by Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., for the publishers, Mrs. Trevel said that her husband and Colonel Maxwell were brother officers in India. She thought the personal description of "Major Cassel" in the book was a very good one of Colonel Maxwell.

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NEW TYPE OF HEAD-MISTRESS.

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GOVERNORS' REASONS.

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Without Precedent.

Mrs. Housion-Crauford said to a reporter:

My appointment, I believe, is without precedent. My experience of girls, however, is exceptionally wide. I have, for example, organised the Girl Guide movement in Scotland, which has 64,000 members.

I have very definite ideas about the education of girls. They should be trained, I think, in the best kind of country life and country pursuits in an atmosphere as much like home as possible. I consider the chief aim should be to develop character and personality.

Girls should be given a deep sense of their responsibility to homes and the positions they will occupy after leaving school. I feel that in addition to being able to take her place in the social world, a real education should give a girl a wider outlook and inspire her with a desire for real service outside her own narrow circle. But academic subjects must not be neglected.

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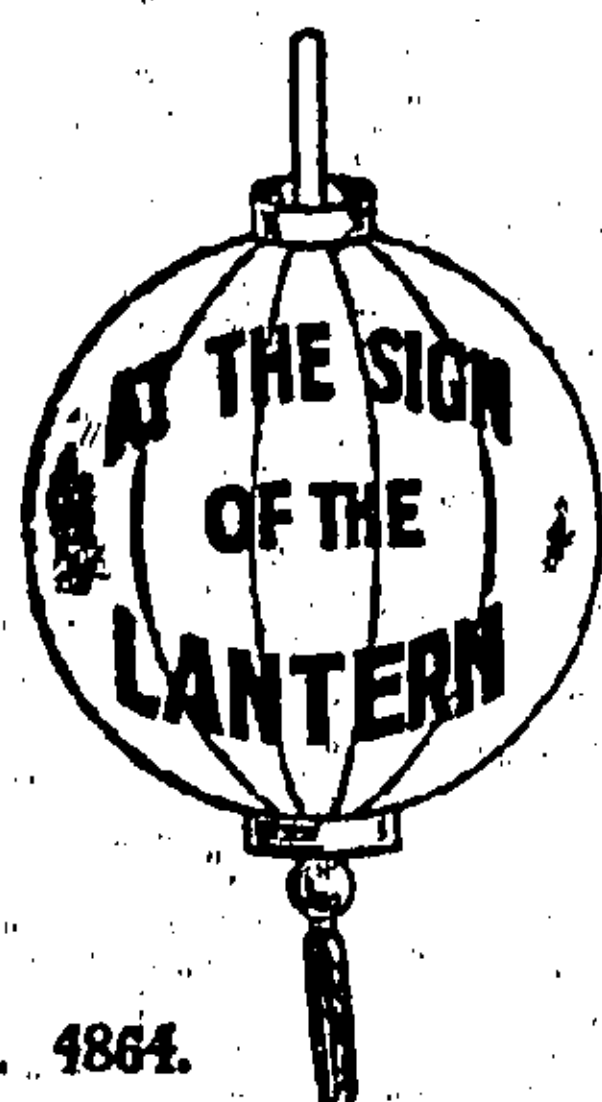
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The WOMAN'S PAGE

SILK, SHAWLS AND JADE.

ADVICE TO OUR VISITORS OF THE "FRANCONIA."

The traveller, entering a new port, experiences the difficulty of want of knowledge of the best shops in which to purchase those precious mementoes of his or her voyage. There is so much to see and do in the course of a few hours, that the visitor is often tempted by the first shop, and very often regret, when too late, that she has not gone further afield.

I have, therefore, on this page tried to give you some indication of the type of goods which you can find at the various shops mentioned, and can assure you that you will receive courteous treatment and a square deal at all of them.

ORIENTAL SILKS NEW AND OLD.

THE PIONEER SILK STORE.

The Pioneer Silk Store which you will find in Queen's Road Central prides themselves on having silks of every shade known to the dyers.

But, beside the silks, there are any number of lovely oriental garments some new and some genuine antiques.

The modern ones have been made of a more ample size than those designed for slender Chinese maidens, but you will find old gar-

SHAWLS.

THE GRAND SILK STORE.

Pohoomull Brothers, the Grand Silk Store, which is at the corner just opposite the "Queen's" Cinema in Queen's Road Central, is, I believe, the oldest Silk Store in the Colony.

There is a very pleasant atmosphere of good merchandise displayed without much ostentation, for the shop is strongly established with an excellent local reputation. Of course, the goods stocked by most of the better silk stores are to a certain extent similar and I might



"Two smart ensembles for which bordered fabrics have been utilised in a novel way. One suit is carried out in mid-blue, grey and navy, and the other in oyster and a darker shade of grey."

ments which, as fresh and lovely as when they were first made, can be worn to-day. Mandarin coats are known and admired the world over. Mandarin Pyjama Suits which make most fascinating negligee are less well-known. Maharajah coats are like the popular Haori coats in shape but considerably longer, and can be used as dressing gowns or negligee wraps. These are, of course, quite modern and made of crepe de chine printed in some oriental design. Dancing coats may be new to you, they again are a variation of the Haori coat specially designed for the dancers or to slip on between the dances in the evening. The difference lies in the fact that the dancing coat has a fringe at the hem and on the ends of the long sleeves, and is generally printed in bright colours.

Many of you may be interested to take home Chinese garments such as are worn to-day. With this idea, the "Pioneer" has had a large stock of both the long coat dress and the pyjama style, made up with a wider cut, in all sorts of silks using particularly those patterns and colours most pleasing to Western taste.

You can also find here squares and pieces of antique Chinese embroidery, lovely wall hangings and a very large stock of Cantonese shawls and some wonderful ceremonial Kimono, besides ornaments of crystal, jade and amber.

give you much the same resumé of both this shop and the Pioneer Silk Store. But I am sure you will find it very much to your advantage to visit both.

The Grand Silk Store has one of the finest collections of Silk Shawls in the Colony, many of them ornamented with landscape and figure designs in a small stitch. I have always found there particularly attractive Kimono and Haori coats of distinctive patterns. They have (Continued on next Column).

ROUND THE TOWN.

A SALE AND SOME NEW SHOES.

MADAME SARRAULT's sale is still in progress and really the goods offered are amazingly cheap. By the time you read this a consignment of summer hats, about which I had a few most tempting hints, should have arrived.

LANE, CRAWFORD's first summer shoes have arrived, and are an interesting collection. The newest features are the tie-on-the-Instep models and the tan canvas shoes for summer wear. There seem to be practically no white shoes. Shapes vary, there are moderately long and short vamped shoes, but none of them are cut out quite so deeply at the instep as last year. Heels run from a quite high Spanish spike, to a "Lady Betty" low heel of only about half an inch, but a low Louis heel without much waist seems to be the most general. Some of the canvas shoes are made in a two colour effect with a vamp of flowered canvas and the rest plain caramel colour; often they are bound and lightly strapped with kid. Others are made of cotton or silk brocade in tones of beige or caramel but their more elaborate materials are only used for shoes of very simple cut. One very attractive model is made in a pastel blue and beige brocade which would be particularly good with a flowery voile frock.

There are also a good many examples of plain caramel, beige or grey patent kid; these have either a moderate or quite low heel. Few evening shoes have arrived yet but I saw one very charming model in black satin made to tie on the instep, and very lightly embroidered with silver thread on the straps.

OLD CANTON BLACKWOOD.

A NEW DEPARTURE IN A EUROPEAN STORE.

Lane, Crawford's window has been attracting a good deal of attention this week for one section of it is filled with really beautiful pieces of blackwood. It is a new departure for this shop and one which has received a very warm welcome from the regular customers. For Lane, Crawford's stands for solidity and worth, and many of us feel just a trifle incompetent in the choice of blackwood. But it needs no clever salesmanship to persuade one that the furniture displayed in Lane, Crawford's oriental department is genuine and good. The weight and solidity of the wood, the excellence of the joinery and above all perhaps the perfection of form and ornament attest that here is furniture which will not fall apart in the hot season. There are marriage chests, chow tables, and stools, occasional tables of all sorts and sizes and each piece seems more desirable than the last. Of the eight big lanterns with painted silk panels which I saw on Monday only two were left on Wednesday. One reason for the quick sale is the really extraordinarily low prices which are being asked. A lantern costs \$25 a wonderful dragon chest over a little over \$100 and there are stools and small tables from \$5 up. Certainly no one who is fond of blackwood, or of good furniture in general, should miss this opportunity, for the supply cannot be endless as these are all old pieces, and later on you may not find quite so wide a selection. I hear by the way that a blackwood bedstead, a rarity not often obtainable has been found for a special customer.

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WOMAN'S PAGE (CONT'D.)

PINET CHEZ PAMELA.

SHOES REFLECT THE FEMININE MODE.

Pamela is lucky in having received a big shipment of Pinet shoes and we are luckier still. For wherever taste is known, so are the works of M. Pinet. You will find plenty of more elaborate shoes in Paris, New York and London but none in better style for Pinet caters for the real Parisienne to whom the appeal of *chic* comes first.

Most of these shoes, even the so-called *souliers de sport*, have a fairly high straight heel. For a sports shoe does not mean a golfing brogue in Pinet's terminology; it means rather a smart street shoe for use with *tailleur*, tweeds

or a sports suit, and we all know that the modern sports suit means. One of these *souliers de sport* is in beige and very elaborately punched and cut with the exception of the heel rather on the lines of the coloured sandels which I saw some time ago in Lane, Crawford's. The same model can be had in black patent.

For afternoon wear, are beige satin shoes, either court shape or with a divided ankle strap. I noticed a particularly smart model in black patent with a piping of grey loose kid cut on formal sandel lines, also delightful gold or silver kid shoes for evening wear.

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MR. KOMOR'S "STICKS AND STONES."

BUT SOME NEW PICTURES HAVE ARRIVED!

Vachell's Quinney, hated parting with a beautiful piece. Indeed, as you will remember little Mrs. Quinney who was more practical than her partner often had to scold him on the subject of "sticks and stones."

Our Quinney who is a little more human and, therefore, even more likable than the author's creation, feels much the same. I found him yesterday in a philosophic mood. "What's the news?" I asked. "Many lovely things are leaving the Colony," was the reply. "The imperial sceptre is leaving, two screens and a Chin Lung vase."

But he brightened with the recollection that these treasures were still his to look at for a little while and to replace them had come the first of the pictures for his Spring exhibition.

The sceptre, a lovely thing of ivory which is probably nearly two hundred years old, lay in the glass case on the counter. It is set all over with a flower design of precious stones, some so lightly fastened to the ivory that they move as would real blossoms in a breath of air. But doubtless you have seen and admired it as it lay on the



A lovely dinner dress embodying many of the latest features. Velvet yoke and gold lace are combined in an effect which is extremely chic.

window before it found the purchaser who is taking it to Germany.

That very lovely screen which has also stood in the window, made of finely carved blackwood with painted silk panels is also bound for the same country. It is one of the most perfect specimens of Chinese art that it has been my pleasure to see, and I cannot wonder that Mr. Komor feels sad at parting with it. Each little panel of carving is perfectly balanced so lightly and get completely ornamented that each would stand alone as an *objet d'art*. The painted silk panels are perhaps even more remarkable as there is a quality in the grouping, colouring and spirit of the figures which you rarely find in Chinese painting; the delicacy and spirituality of the figures is more like the work of Botticelli.

An interesting vase of the same period as the sceptre which is also going to many, was upstairs in "the sanctuary." It is a big round jar of imperial yellow cloisonné with *famille verte* panels of landscape scenes. It stands on a blackwood rest and is remarkable in having a blackwood cover. Obviously at one time it was a long-necked vase, but the neck was either broken in firing or subsequently and the cover added to hide the roughly finished rim and to convert it into an ornament of the ginger-jar type.

For England.

To England, are going a very valuable fire screen and two fine Japanese chests, with gold inlay on a reddish brown lacquer. So our Teutonic neighbours cannot lay claim to having more artistic appreciation than ourselves. It is curious that no matter what tales there are of poverty, unemployment and bad trade there is never a lack of those who not only love beautiful things but can find the money to gratify their taste. There is not much wrong with a world where the love of beauty still flourishes.

A Thot.

There are, however, still some people who employ unworthy methods to obtain treasures of art. A very interesting rest carved from an ivory tusk with minute and living scenes of Chinese village life (Continued on next Column).

BORDERED FABRICS.

OBVIOUS USES SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

Bordered fabrics have taken on a fresh lease of popularity since a famous dressmaker has shown us how many interesting and original things can be done with such materials.

The left-hand figure of the accompanying sketch shows an ensemble in which bordered Kashmir serge is used in an unusual and effective way.

The plain part of materials is in the new shade of mid-blue, so much favoured at the moment, the border being of a soft shade of grey with lines of mid-blue forming a small check pattern all over it. Two bands of navy blue complete the design.

Border Used To Give Yoke Effect.

The border is arranged at the top of the coat and sleeves to give the yoke effect that is a feature of so many new models. The skirt is made from the plain material, bound at all edges with a narrow strip of the checked part of the border. The lining of the coat, *crêpe de chine* to match the blouse, is trimmed effectively in the same way.

The blouse has the single cross-over line in front and is decorated with a large, lozenge-shaped medallion of the skirt material embroidered with a grey monogram. This motif follows the lines of the cut-out section of the skirt.

Satin For Hard Wear.

The other ensemble is carried out mainly in that solid-looking satin that has hitherto been associated in our minds with the furnishing department, but which is now in such high fashion favour.

The corsage is of oyster-grey *crêpe* with a band of darker grey *crêpe* outlining the top of the skirt. The coat is perfectly plain, but its lining—of light grey *crêpe* with a border of narrow bands of alternate light and dark grey *crêpe* which follow the outline of the garment all round—more than compensates for any lack of outward interest.

of which I have written before, has been stolen from Komor's under rather unusual circumstances. It had been bought and paid for and was last seen lying in the box, in which it was to be packed for sending, on the counter. The assistant had gone behind the scenes for packing material and Mr. Komor was talking to a customer. To his horror, when the boy opened the box to finish packing the hand rest was gone. The police are searching as yet no trace of it has been found.

FOUNDATIONS OF GOOD DRESSING.

The spring is the time in which

the foundation of many reputations for good dressing are laid. The well-dressed woman earns that desirable distinction only after the expenditure of much thought and time upon the engrossing subject of clothes, and, unlike so many things in this world, it is not merely a matter of money. Money is, it is true, an important factor, but there is nothing to prevent a woman of moderate means from being well-dressed provided she is prepared to take trouble over the business. On the other hand, there numbers of women spending sums on which other people rear families on dress who yet fail to convey the idea that their clothes are anything but extremely ordinary.

Taste And Discrimination.

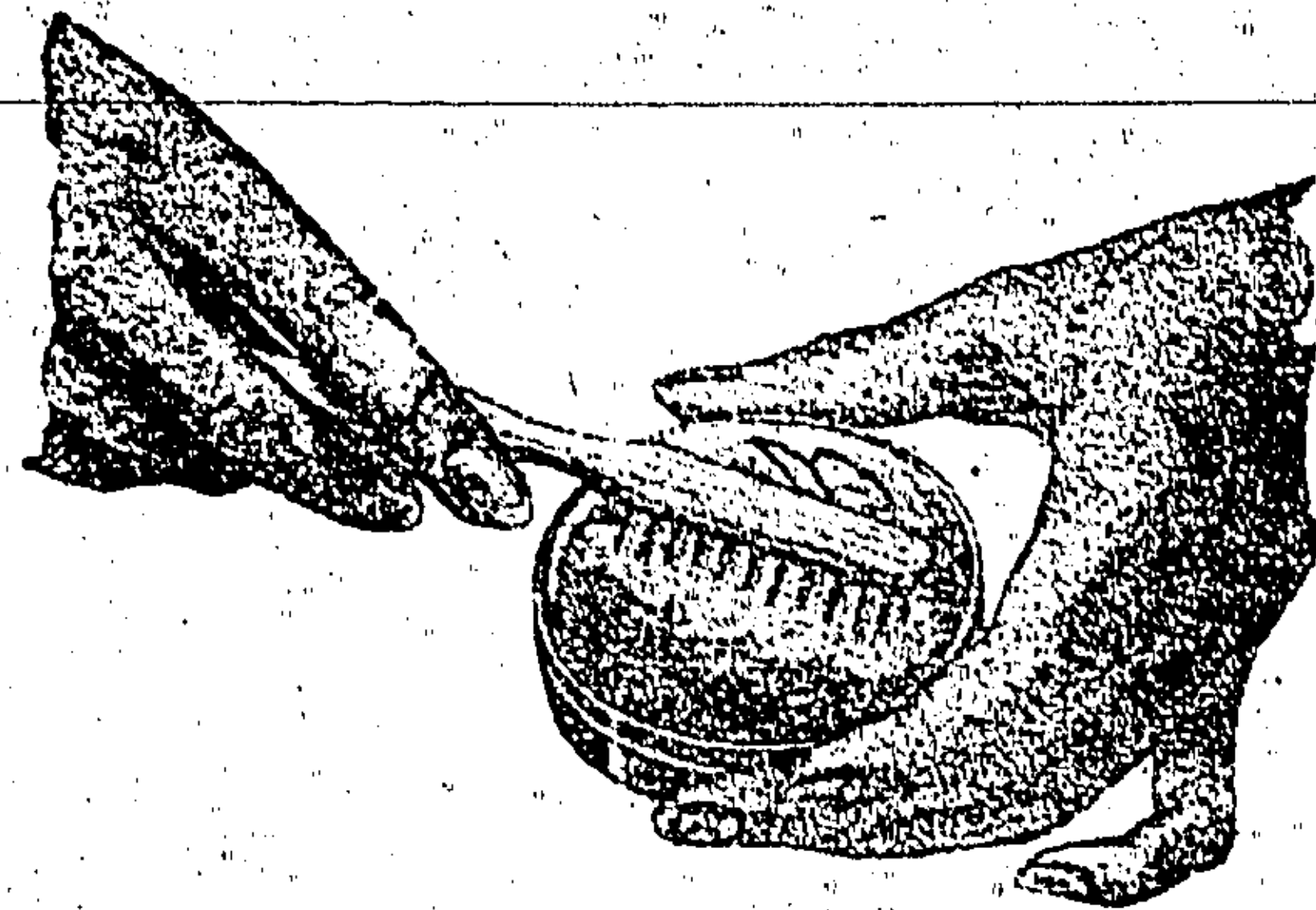
A capital of a few pounds, good taste, and discrimination take a woman a long way towards being well dressed.

While authorities differ, there seems to be a general feeling that fashions for the spring will not be radically different in line and general style from their immediate predecessors. There are always a few startling models to be bound in every collection and invariably a few women who wear them, but it is only the very rich who can afford the luxury of adopting a style bound by its very nature, to be transitory.

Some Hints.

The dinner toilette sketched to-day illustrates a method of using bargain "remnants" to the best advantage. The skirt is kilted *georgette*, the graceful coat illustrating the modish diagonal line of chiffon velvet, and the trimming fine gold lace.

Fine cashmere stockinet suggests itself as another good investment. Again, since your cardigan coat need not necessarily be of the same material as the skirt with which it appears, there are endless possibilities for planning smart sports suits with the help of a wool cardigan, a flannel skirt, and a more or less fanciful jumper. Spring toilettes consisting of a dress of printed *crêpe de chine* trimmed with the tweed used for the complementary coat are shown. The designs on the printed materials are squares or dots. This, again, is a style which affords the enterprising shopper a chance of combining economy and *chic* with excellent results.



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ISLANDS IN THE PERSIAN GULF.

A POLITICAL BONE OF CONTENTION.

BRITAIN DISPUTES BAHREIN CLAIM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, February 29th.

The small Bahrain Islands in the Persian Gulf, which have no political importance, but are interesting historically, as they are reputed to be the original home of the Phoenicians, have become a bone of contention between Persia and Great Britain.

At the present time, they are ruled by a Sheikh under the protection of Great Britain.

The islands were mentioned in the Anglo-Persian Treaty last year, upon which Persia challenged the British right to deal with them, and protested to Britain and members of the League of Nations, claiming them as a Persian dependency.

Sir Austen Chamberlain has vigorously replied denying Persia's rights either geographically or ethnologically.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Feb. 29th.

A copy of the note addressed to the Persian Minister in London by the Foreign Secretary, Sir Austen Chamberlain, on the subject of the Bahrain Islands was communicated to the League Nations to-day. The Note is in reply to the Persian Government's protest of November last against the terms of article 6 of the Treaty of Jeddah concluded May 1927, with the King of the Hedjaz on the ground that the reference in that article to the Islands of Bahrain is contrary to the territorial integrity of Persia.

The Note states that the British Government are not aware of any valid grounds upon which the claim of the Persian Government to sovereignty over these islands is or can be based. Geographically the islands are not part of Persia nor are the inhabitants of Persian race. The British Government are aware that during part of the 17th century and for some years during the latter part of the 18th century the Bahrain Islands were overrun and occupied by Persian troops or by followers of certain chiefs from the Eastern shores of the Persian Gulf, but it appears to be established that in or about year 1783 the Government of the Shah were dispossessed of the islands by the invasion of Arab tribes under the leadership of the direct lineal ancestor of the present Sheikh and that since that date the islands have never at any time been under the effective control of Persia.

The Note declares that the Persian allegation that their claim to sovereignty over the Bahrain Islands has been recognised on various occasions is entirely inadmissible while it is not evident that even if this assertion were justified it would confer on Persia the right of ownership, which, on other grounds, appears so difficult to establish.

After examining the grounds upon which Persia has based this assertion the note remarks that the attitude of the British Government was clearly defined when in 1906 they declared that Persian claims were inadmissible. It was added that they considered the islands of Bahrain and their inhabitants to be under British protection and must decline to entertain any further representations on the subject.

Concluding the note says, "From the foregoing remarks you will observe that the British Government neither in 1861 nor at any other time intended to recognise that the Bahrain Islands were part of Persia and that while they have indeed admitted that the claim on the subject has from time to time been put forward by the Persian Government they have never admitted the validity of such claims by the Turkish or Persian Governments. Their consistent endeavour in the matter of the Bahrain Islands has been to secure that the peaceful development of the islands and the welfare of the Arab inhabitants shall not be disturbed by unjustified attempts on the part of their neighbour to subject them to foreign domination. They are not prepared to contemplate any departure from this policy."

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FLAG DISCRIMINATION.

BRITISH REPRESENTATIONS TO PORTUGAL.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Feb. 29th.

Replying to questions Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the British Government had for some time been making representations to the Portuguese Government on the subject of flag discrimination. He understood a decree would shortly be issued abolishing all such discrimination of any kind in Portugal and the Portuguese Dominions.

A Loan.

In regard to the question of loan which Portugal was seeking through the League Nations this would be dealt with on its merits.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Feb. 29th.

Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, said that the attitude of the Government on the question of abolishing submarines remained the same as originally indicated by Lord Lee of Fareham at the Washington Conference of 1921 when he urged the abolition of the submarine. That attitude was reaffirmed by himself at the recent Naval Conference in Geneva.

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 1st.

	Previous Day	On Date	At Date
	at 2 p.m.	6 a.m.	4 p.m.
Barometer...	99.58	99.84	99.82
Temperature...	68	65	73
Humidity...	100	100	82
Wind...			
Direction...	Calm	Calm	East
Force...	0	0	2
Weather...	OPD	OF	OF
Rain...	0.55	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 29th: 70
Lowest open-air Temperature, 1st: 64

B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 2nd to 8th, 1928.

	High Water	Low Water
Days of Week	Hong Kong Standard Time	Hong Kong Standard Time
Fri.	2 h. m. 47	12 h. 24
Sat.	3 h. 9	12 h. 23
Sun.	4 h. 9	12 h. 23
Mon.	5 h. 9	12 h. 23
Tue.	6 h. 9	12 h. 23
Wed.	7 h. 9	12 h. 23
Thur.	8 h. 9	12 h. 23

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Motor Vessel "BIRCHBANK" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence Delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 8th March, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashes on the 8th of March, 1928, at 10 a.m.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Underwriter before the 12th of March, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 1st Mar., 1928. [5952]

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "MONGOLIA."

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON 1st MARCH, 1928.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, MALTA, PORTSAID, ADEN, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optimal Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's surveyors Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 21st March, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Hong Kong, 1st Mar., 1928. [5951]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the Steamer "BELLEROPHON" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godown on and after 1st March, 1928.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th March, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 21st March, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD SWIRE, Agents.

1st March, 1928. [5950]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "EMIL KIRDORF" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where Delivery may be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 8th March, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays, the 7th March, 1928, at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.

All Claims must reach us before 22nd March, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter.

JEBSEN & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, 1st Mar., 1928. [5948]

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD., COPENHAGEN.

THE M.V. "ASIA" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence Delivery may be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

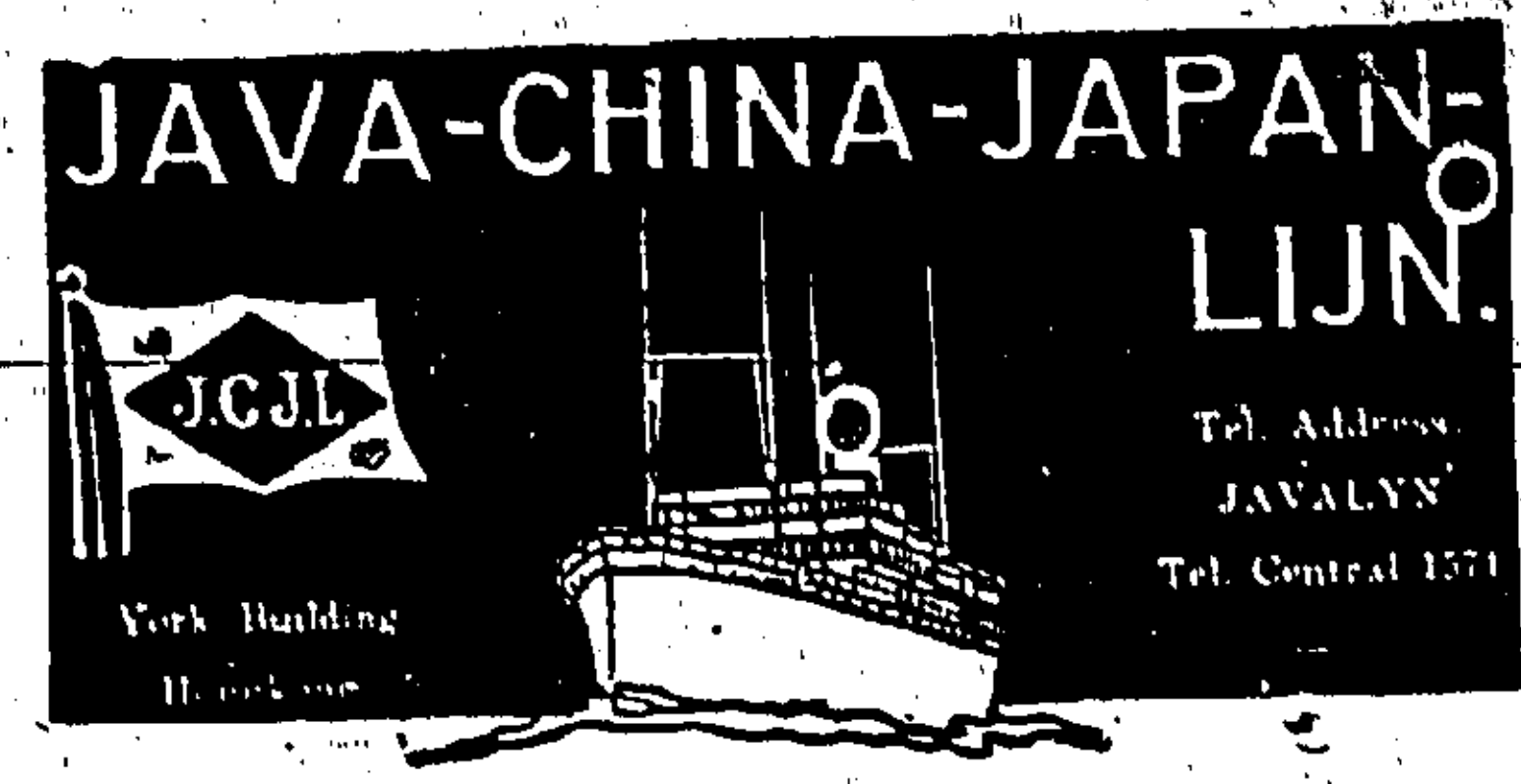
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th of March, 1928, at 4 p.m., will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashes on the 8th of March, 1928, at 10 a.m.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Underwriter before the 12th of March, 1928, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JOHN MANNERS & Co., Ltd., Agents.

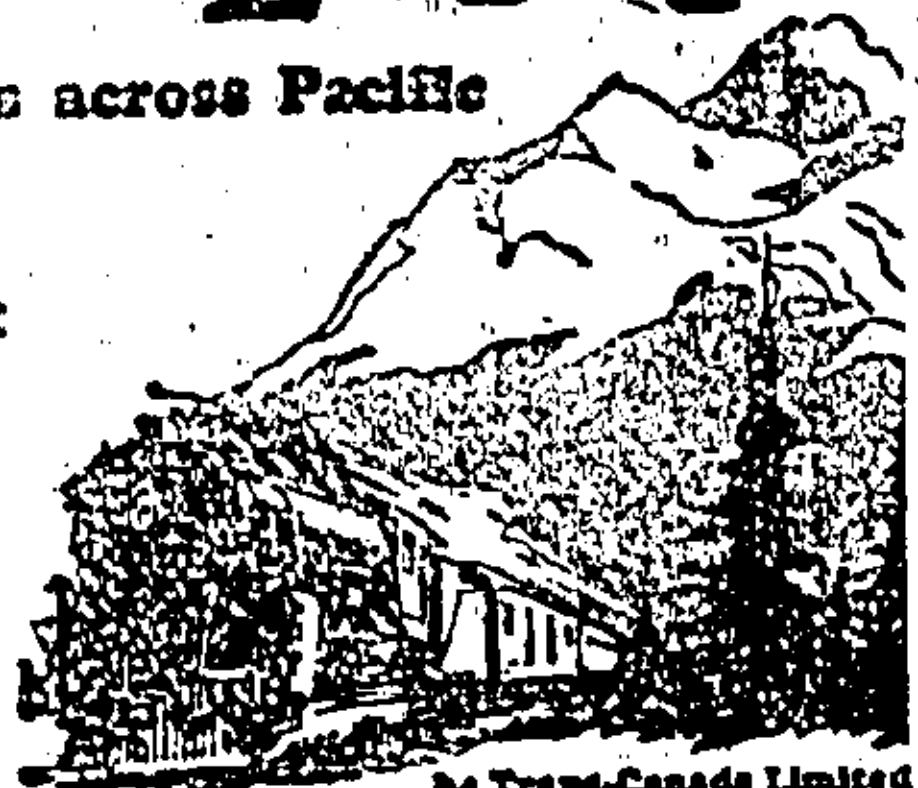
Hong Kong, 2nd Mar., 1928. [5953]



REGULAR FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE BETWEEN JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN

STRANDEES	FROM	ON OR ABOUT	LEAVE ON OR ABOUT	FOR
TJILBOET	N. C. & AMOT	29th Feb.	2nd Mar.	BATAVIA
TJISAROE	BATAVIA	1st Mar.	3rd "	AMOT, S'HAL K'LUNG, BATAVIA
TJIKARANG	AMOT, S'HAL & K'LUNG	5th "	7th "	BATAVIA
TJIMANOER	JAVA, MACASSAR & N. C.	12th "	14th "	AMOT & N. CHINA
TJILWONG	AMOT & N. C.	12th "	14th "	MACASSAR & JAVA
TJIBODAS	JAVA, MANILA	15th "	17th "	SWATOW & SAIGON
TJISONDARI	BATAVIA	15th "	18th "	AMOT, S'HAL K'LUNG, BATAVIA
TJISAROE	S'HAL, K'LUNG & AMOT	19th "	21st "	

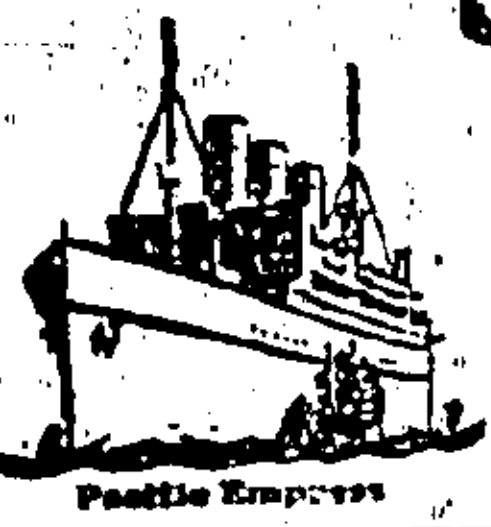
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TANGO MARU Wednesday, 21st Mar.

AKI MARU Wednesday, 25th Mar.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

MUBORAN MARU Friday, 2nd Mar.

SADO MARU Saturday, 10th Mar.

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CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

+ YAMAGATA MARU Saturday, 3rd Mar.

+ RANGON MARU Friday, 9th Mar.

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AKI MARU Friday, 16th Mar.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

+ HAKODATE MARU (Moji direct) Friday, 2nd Mar.

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Further Sailings	Loading for Shanghai and Japan Ports on	Loading for Continental Ports on
M.S. "Australien" ...	25th March	25th March
M.S. "Asia" ...	2nd March	5th April
M.S. "Afrika" ...	23rd March	30th April
M.S. "Malaya" ...	27th April	31st May
M.S. "Danmark" ...	25th May	30th June

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT
RETURNS.

NORMAL CARGO RETURNS.

EIGHTEEN ARRIVALS.

There were eighteen arrivals and 12 departures during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, and the cargoes for both Hong Kong and ports beyond were normal. There was an increase of 7,112 tons of cargo for this port over the previous days' amount. The total amount of general freight for Hong Kong was 12,223 tons, of which 4,609 tons were carried by six British vessels. The two best returns were from two Chinese steamers, the s.s. "Chian Lee" and the s.s. "Tai Lee". The former arriving from Bangkok carried 3,500 tons of rice, while the latter carrying 2,850 tons of general cargo from the same port.

Freights for ports beyond the Colony amounted to 12,500 tons of which six British steamers contributed 5,223 tons. The two best returns were shown by the British vessel "Taklong" with 5,223 tons from Calcutta and Singapore, and the s.s. "Romola" (Italian) from Trieste and Singapore with 3,270 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	9	4
French	1	0
Dutch	1	0
Italian	1	0
Norwegian	1	0
Chinese	4	3
Swedish	0	1
American	0	1
Total	18	12

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.

President Jefferson, March 4th.

President McKinley, March 5th.

Australian-oriental Line.

Tripping, Mar. 9th.

Change, April 6th.

Bank Line.

City of Durban, March 10th.

City of Durban, Mar. 17th.

City of Bombay, April 10th.

City of Melbourne, April 11th.

City of Carlsle, April 14th.

City of Roubitz, April 14th.

City of Birmingham, May 4th.

City of Singapore, May 12th.

City of Chester, May 23th.

City of Tokyo, June 6th.

City of Cardiff, June 22nd.

City of Peking, July 7th.

Ben Line.

Hengloer, March 5th.

British-India and Apcar Line.

Tilawa, March 4th.

Shirala, March 7th.

Taina, March 18th.

Sunthia, March 18th.

Takeda, March 26th.

Talanba, April 9th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Russia, March 5th.

Empress of Asia, March 15th.

Dorville & Co.

Tungla, March 8th.

Dolton, March 25th.

Venetia, March 29th.

Toledo, April 19th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Polyphebus, to-day.
Calchas, March 6th.
Sarpedon, March 7th.
Tyndarus, Mar. 18th.
Rienus, March 20th.
Menelaus, March 25th.
Eurylochus, Mar. 27th.
Automedon, April 1st.
Patroclus, April 5th.
Protesilaus, April 10th.
Phonius, April 11th.
Agamemnon, April 15th.
Night Companion, April 21st.
Orestes, April 22nd.
Laomedon, April 24th.
Diomed, April 26th.
Fathylus, May 1st.
Machaon, May 2nd.
Antenor, May 3rd.
Meriones, May 9th.
Admetus, May 10th.
Helenus, May 22nd.
Teucer, May 22nd.
Perseus, May 23th.
Pyrrhus, May 30th.
Hector, May 31st.
Atreus, June 27th.
Aeneas, July 2nd.
Lycomon, July 23th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.
Aina, to-day.
Africa, Mar. 26th.
Malaya, April 27th.
Danmark, May 25th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

St. Albans, Mar. 5th.

Arufura, April 2nd.

Glen Line.

Glenace, to-day.

Carmarthenshire, March 7th.

Glenagarry, March 20th.

Glenara, April 6th.

Hamburg-America Line and

Hugo Stinnes Liden.

Havelland, March 4th.

Havensstein, March 7th.

Scheer, Mar. 12th.

Resolute, March 28th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjikang, March 5th.

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DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

CANTON STEAMER ARRIVES
LATE.

DENSE FOG.

[BY LONGHOREMAY.]

The s.s. "Fat Shan" which was due to arrive from Canton early yesterday afternoon, did not arrive till 3.15 p.m. The cause of the delay was due to the dense fog which prevailed the whole of yesterday morning. No casualties to shipping in the river have been reported at the time of writing.

The s.s. "Sui An" did not sail till 10.30 yesterday morning, while a wireless message received during the morning was to the effect that the "Sui Tai" had not left Macao till a late hour that morning. The "Kinshan" was delayed by the fog and sailed for Canton one hour late yesterday morning.

Home Mail.

The s.s. "Mongolia" carrying the mail from Home berthed at the Kowloon Wharf yesterday afternoon at 1.15 p.m., whilst the "Franconia" with the round-the-world tourists was towed up by a Kowloon Dock tug shortly after.

"Talsan" Compelled To Drop Anchor.

OTHER VESSELS DELAYED.
The s.s. "Talsan" which sailed for Canton on Wednesday night was compelled to anchor half an hour after she had left Hong Kong. Other river vessels sailing that night were also reported to have been held up.

The s.s. "Tai Lee" which arrived in Hong Kong on Wednesday night reported that she passed the "Kowloon" and the "On Lee" on their way up river, but the "Sam Nam" was not sighted.

General Cleaning.

The Danish vessel, s.s. "Australien" arriving here from Copenhagen and Adam berthed at the Kowloon Dock yesterday at noon for bottom cleaning.

Tuberculosis.

The master of the s.s. "Kwongchow" arriving here from Bangkok and Swatow reports the death of a Chinese deck passenger from tuberculosis. The body was landed at Swatow.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.
Asiatic deck passengers arriving in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered 4,306.

Japanese Cruiser Arrives.

The Japanese cruiser "Ohi" arrived here yesterday afternoon and the usual salutes were exchanged. Four Japanese destroyers—the "Tanikaze", "Kawakaze", "Joi" and "Kiku"—are due here to-day. They will stay for some time and it is understood that two of the destroyers will also pay a visit to Canton.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Sunrise.	Sunset.
To-day	6.44 a.m.	6.27 p.m.
To-morrow	6.43	6.28
Sunday	6.42	6.28

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	3rd Mar., Noon.	Marseilles and London.
"ALPPORE"	5,273	10th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"KHIVA"	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	8,935	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	9,129	24th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MIRZAPUR"	6,716	27th Mar.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"MANTUA"	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	7th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	14th April	Marseilles and London.
"NAGPORE"	5,283	21st April	do.
"MOREA"	10,953	28th April	do.
"KASGAR"	9,008	12th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	18th May	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,986	26th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,097	2nd June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NOVARA"	6,983	16th June	Marseilles and London.
"RANPURA"	18,601	23rd June	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	7th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NANKIN"	7,058	14th July	Marseilles and London.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	21st July	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,935	4th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	18th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	1st Sept.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,986	15th Sept.	Marseilles and London.

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